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UFO believers swap tales from beyond

By CHRISTOPHER ROSE
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BILOXI, Miss. — One witnessed a strange flash of light in the sky while on a fishing trip; another told a startling tale of abduction and alien intrigue, journeys to crystal cities and the revelations of prophecy through transmitters implanted in her brain.

Such were the diverse tales recounted Saturday at the Great Gulf Coast UFO Gathering.

For 400 ufologists, it was a full day's journey into space. Most came from an earthly arc stretching from Gulfport, Miss., to Gulf Breeze, Fla., an area rapidly becoming the nation's hottest extraterrestrial corridor.

Held at the Broadwater Beach Hotel, the conference focused on five speakers: three telling tales of abduction, one outlining a government conspiracy to cover up information about UFOs, and one discussing the little city of Gulf Breeze, near Pensacola, where more than 300 sightings have been reported — and photographed — in the past two years.

But each of the attendees had his or her own story to tell as well, and during coffee breaks they swapped stories like baseball cards.

"It seems everyone you meet has either seen something or knows someone who has," said Pat Hoffman, 55, from Picayune, Miss.

Hoffman, for her part, saw a flash in the sky above the Rigolets in 1973. Bright as a welding arc but totally silent, it disappeared as fast as it had come.

Hoffman has turned the scenario over in her head for years, pondering its significance, but her fishing partner that night shrugged it off and cast another line in the water — and that's what separates the believers from the skeptics.

"The people who come to a conference like this are the type that, when they hear a noise outside their homes at night, they have to go find out what made the noise," said Julia Barone, a waitress on the late shift at the Waffle House in Mobile, Ala. "We all have a curious nature."

Barone is a neophyte of sorts in the company of these true believers.

"I've never seen a thing," she admitted. "Nothing. I'm very disappointed."

Her mother has seen things in the sky; in fact, it seems like everyone she knows has seen things. All the customers at the Waffle House, they've seen things.

"Any fisherman can tell you about the strange lights on the water," she said. "They've all seen it."

Seeing lights is one thing. Entering that light is another.

That's what Betty Luca says happened to her. Once in 1950, again in 1967 and again in 1973, Luca says, she was abducted from her home in Massachusetts, taken aboard a series of spaceships, and spirited away by a team of short, big-eyed aliens led by a being named "Quazgaa."

The final speaker scheduled for the conference Saturday night, Luca was to speak for three hours about her experiences and revelations.



Betty Luca with a model of 'Quazgaa,' the alien leader she says abducted her.

STAFF PHOTO BY G. ANDREW BOYD

In a warm-up interview, she said she was transported through dimensions of pulsing red atmospheres, past cities of crystal and caves of shining blue stones.

In an alien lab, she said, her left eye was removed from its socket and a transmitter was placed in her head. On a visit many years later, the transmitter was extracted from her nostril.

This story is told in a new book about her experiences, called "The Watchers."

The Watchers are guardians of our planet, keepers of our nature and messengers of God.

Because mankind is destroying itself, the Watchers have been summarily extracting fetuses and semen from women and men in an effort to preserve the species.

"This might seem wild to you," she said. Pause. "I guess I understand how you feel."

Even at the concession stands, convictions ran high. Greg Liss, a designer, said selling shirts at UFO conferences is more than a capitalist venture.

"I love UFOs," he said. "They're for real, man. They're out there."

He knows, he says, because he, too, has seen.

Once, when he was 15 on the beach in Pensacola. And once this year, at 26, over the peninsula at Gulf Breeze.

So taken by the phenomena, Liss is, that he moved to Gulf Breeze.

"Gulf Breeze is a high traffic area for metaphysical-type stuff," he said.

Skeptics say the Gulf Coast is a high traffic area for UFO reports because the sky indeed is full of activity, but of a more routine nature.

There are at least a dozen military installations along the coast, including two naval air stations and Keesler Air Force Base. Many military pilots are trained along the coast. It is this activity, debunkers say, that accounts for all the UFO to-do.

"If it's top-secret government craft that everyone is seeing, that's cool," Liss said. "But they should tell us that's the case. Otherwise they're leading a lot of people on, making them think they're crazy."

One who is trying to penetrate the mysteries is James Crocker.

A Dallas contractor temporarily stationed in Jackson, Crocker in his spare time studies the phenomenon of cattle mutilations in Mississippi.

More cows than you would expect, he said, are found dead in the fields with missing eyes, tongues and ears. Some are sliced open with cookie-cutter precision; others are burned open.

Cattle mutilation has often been associated with visitors from outer space, and Crocker says that could be one explanation.

"A lot of strange things happen in this state. But then, cattle mutilations are also associated with satanism," he said.

But that's a whole different story.

Bug eyes, big heads; UFO fans know them

By DANA TIMS
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EUGENE — Phyllis Duran knows all about the strange looks and the derisive comments. They come with the extra-terrestrial territory when you tell people you've been abducted by aliens.

As a culture, we have a very specific focus which determines our perceptions and our acceptances," said Duran, a Seattle businesswoman. "You have 17th-century minds trying to deal with 21st-century phenomena."

Duran claims to have been abducted off the streets of Oklahoma City late one afternoon in 1963. She related her story Saturday night as a featured speaker at a conference sponsored by the UFO Contact Center International.

The Seattle-based organization, which claims chapters throughout the United States and Canada, bills itself as devoted to supporting people who have been abducted by any of nearly 80 different types of alien beings, who members say are regularly swooping in for terrestrial visits.

About 50 people attended the

four-hour conference, which included slide presentations of alleged UFO sightings and words of comfort and confirmation for those believing they may have been abducted at some point in the past.

"I saw a huge light in the sky doing maneuvers," recalled Duran, who was 15 at the time of her first and only close encounter. "When it turned and began coming toward me, I started running, but I couldn't move."

The next thing she knew, Duran was jumping onto the front porch of her parents' house and hiding in a closet. But two hours had disappeared and she didn't have a clue about what had happened to them.

Like several other speakers, Duran said her recollections of the abduction began only years later with the onset of disturbing dreams. Small, bug-eyed men with large heads were gathered around her in some kind of spacecraft. The experiments they performed left inch-long scars in places she refused to talk about.

But it was the "regressive hypnotherapy" — a narrow band of therapy dealing strictly with unlocking memories of abductees — that

finally confirmed what the dreams only hinted.

"It was a revelatory experience," she said. "Before that, I didn't even believe myself that it could have happened."

Conference attendees talked darkly of government plots to cover up evidence of extraterrestrials, of good aliens and bad aliens, of Pleiadians, a Nordic-appearing people who want nothing more than to save the planet by improving the environmental habits of human beings.

Aileen Edwards, a computer programmer at Boeing in Seattle, founded the UFO Contact Center a decade ago. Although she has not personally been spirited away for any systematic poking or probing, she has no doubts that others have.

"There are lots of people out there who are in this same situation," said Edwards, who helps unlock abductees' blocked memories by performing regressive hypnotherapy. "They obviously need someone to understand them."

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UFOs reported in E. Oregon

BURNS (AP) — A rash of reports of unidentified flying objects in Harney County Tuesday may have been triggered by a bright star over the southeastern Oregon desert.

But authorities say they have heard other tales of UFOs recently that aren't so easy to explain.

People in the high desert region of Oregon reported aerial "light with flames," hovering objects and something that "flew right over some cars with no noise," Harney County Sheriff Dave Glerup said Wednesday.

Burns Police Chief Aaron Richardson said he responded at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday to reports of a bright object in the northwestern sky above the Burns-Paiute Indian Reservation.

"I looked at it through a spotting scope, but I couldn't really determine what it was," Richardson said.

Pauline Brymen, editor of the Burns Times-Herald, said she studied the light through a tele-

scope and determined it was a star.

But other recent UFO reports seemed more baffling.

Donna Clark, Times-Herald publisher, said about 10 residents reported a strange aerial object giving off blue and red rays hovering directly over the town about 10 p.m. Sunday.

"And then it just disappeared," Clark said. A Nampa, Idaho, motorist told the newspaper that a UFO buzzed his car the evening of March 27 on U.S. 20 about eight miles west of Burns.

"I saw two bright lights that looked like landing lights on a plane coming towards us above the highway," Darol Ady told the newspaper.

He said the lights suddenly blinked out, and then the area was showed with something resembling burning embers. His wife saw three heaps of ashes and chunks of something that was burning, he said.



Wally Spiers

UFO group eyes skies

When the Mutual UFO Network of Southern Illinois meets, the sign on the door says "always open to the public."

And the group means it, said Forest Crawford, assistant state director of the Illinois Mutual UFO Network and leader of the local branch of the organization.

The investigative group meets monthly at the Ponderosa Steak House in Collinsville on Eastport Plaza Drive. The purpose is to inform the public of current UFO research and to invite open discussion of this most intriguing subject, Crawford said.

He stresses that the members are not starry-eyed goofballs who drive around searching for strange lights in the sky.

"Our primary focus is to seriously and scientifically investigate UFO phenomena in general," he said. "We attempt to be a serious and open-minded group."

Members investigate, gather data on the phenomena and try to make rational judgments.

"If we can explain it away, we will," Crawford said. "Most of the time we can."

Science has to be the basis for any investigation, Crawford said.

"A lot of times we have to throw out a bunch of interesting cases because they just don't measure up," he said.

Crawford said the public reaction to UFOs is itself an interesting phenomenon. Many people are curious but reluctant to admit it.

"From personal experience, of 100 people who don't know me but know what I do, 10 laugh, chuckle or harshly criticize," he said. "Another 70 would be goodly interested or at least relate an experience when we were alone. The other 20 will at least be open."

"There is less resistance than you might imagine. There is more curiosity than you might imagine."

People from all walks of life belong to the group, including scientists, Crawford said. Members call themselves "ufologists."

The group has 15 to 20 active members in the metro-east, but it is not uncommon for 75 to 100 people to be at meetings, he said. The meeting Thursday night had more than 50.

Monthly meetings of the group are scheduled for March 21, April 30, May 23 and June 27, beginning about 6:30 p.m. and generally lasting until 9.

Not everyone in the group is an unabashed believer in UFO sightings and abduction experiences, said Crawford.

"There are plenty of people in the organization who are skeptical about all aspects of it," he said. "But that is how scientists operate."

At the Thursday night meeting, Crawford talked about Bob Lazar, a physicist who claims to have worked on captured UFOs in Nevada. Lazar went public with his knowledge about two years ago, saying he was mistreated by the government.

The network is investigating Lazar's credibility, trying to track details of his story, Crawford said. Results have been both positive and negative, but no conclusions have been reached.

Crawford said ufologists need knowledge from a lot of different fields, including radar, physics and optics, to learn how to get answers.

"You need to be able to discern whether someone is seeing Venus or a plane head on," he said.

Crawford's area of expertise is hypnotherapy, which he said he acquired just to work with abductees (people who claim to have been abducted and examined by aliens.) He is interested in the correlations he finds between separate cases.

"You ask questions and get the strangest answers," he said. "Then you find them in other places. If you ask someone in Florida the same questions and the answers match answers from Illinois, we had better be paying attention."

Springfieldian's UFO crash story to be aired on national TV

MIKE O'BRIEN



The Ozarks will be the focus — literally — of at least one major television production concerning unidentified flying objects, mysterious livestock mutilations and reported abductions of humans by aliens.

A flurry of interest among UFO researchers worldwide was stirred by a News-Leader story published in December detailing Springfieldian Gerald Anderson's astonishing recollections of a childhood encounter with a crashed "flying saucer" and its earthly crew in the New Mexico desert in 1947.

Inquiries came from all corners of this continent and from Europe and Asia as well. Anderson accepted a couple of invitations to appear on local and regional radio and television talk shows. He declined to participate in a piece for "Hard Copy," deeming the nationally syndicated TV program "too sensational." He's waiting to hear more from representatives of Nippon Television, the Japanese network, who have expressed interest in featuring Anderson in a documentary.

Anderson won't have to wait long to appear before cameras collecting footage for an upcoming TV special being prepared for airing on the Fox Network. Producer/director Linda Moulton Howe, whose career credits include prestigious Emmy and Peabody awards, will be in Springfield with her crew later this month to tape Anderson and other Ozarkers who may hold pieces of an intergalactic puzzle.

Howe, who presently makes her home in Pennsylvania, traveled to southwest Missouri in late March to meet Anderson and scout locations for taping. She's back in the area this weekend as a featured speaker at an annual conclave of UFO detectives at Eureka Springs, Ark. In-between stops in the Midwest, Howe has been to Los Angeles to confer with officials at Paramount Studios, for whom she's producing the one-hour "Earth Mysteries" special that she hopes will lead to a weekly series on Fox.

Crisscrossing the continent by jetliner is but a hop, skip and a jump when compared to the life journey that has taken Howe from rural Idaho to the bright lights of big-city TV, and then to a decade-long detour down the uncharted road of extraterrestrial investigations.

Growing up in Boise in the 1960s, Howe represented

Idaho in the Miss America Pageant. She earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Colorado, then a master's degree in communication from Stanford University.

By 1971 Howe was a news reporter for KNBC in Burbank, Calif. In 1974 she moved to Boston to work as a producer and writer for health and science programs on WCVB. From 1976 to 1983, Howe directed special projects for KMGH in Denver, producing documentaries on health and environmental topics.

While traversing Colorado and neighboring states preparing a report on air pollution, Howe began hearing reports from ranchers and law enforcement officers about strange occurrences of livestock mutilation. She decided to tackle that topic next.

"I naively thought I was going to get to the bottom of the story," recalls Howe. "I thought it must have something to do with the government. I thought something had gotten loose in the environment by mistake, like the incident a few years earlier at Dugway (Utah) Proving Grounds when some virus got away from the Army and killed some sheep."

"I figured the mutilations were the result of the government trying to track the problem," says Howe. "UFOs were the last thing on my mind."

However, as her probe proceeded, Howe found herself inexorably drawn to an extraterrestrial explanation for the strange findings on the Western range:

■ Horses and cattle killed, their carcasses drained of blood, their organs removed with a surgical precision difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate in a sophisticated hospital operating room.

■ Reports of "silent helicopters" and "orange glowing disks" unleashing brilliant beams of light.

■ Persistent rumors about recovered crashed spacecraft and perhaps even captured alien creatures.

The final straw for Howe was her introduction to a Texas woman who claimed she and her teen-age daughter had been kidnapped by aliens and physically examined by their captors aboard a spaceship. Howe witnessed the mother being questioned under hypnosis, and the experience changed the course of her life.

(The women are residents of the Ozarks today, by the way. Stay tuned for additional details later.)

Howe's documentary, "A Strange Harvest," brought a flood of additional reports and a regional Emmy award when it was aired in 1981. Following up on the new leads became an all-consuming task. In 1983 she formed her own production company. In the years since, when not producing documentaries and other programming for the likes of UNICEF and CNN and turning her

'81 work into a book entitled "An Alien Harvest," Howe has continued to chase the truth about extraterrestrials.

"It's like stumbling around in a hall of mirrors with a quicksand floor," she says. "But I'm very stubborn, and I don't like being lied to. So, despite the frustrations, I've kept after this story. Or maybe I should say the story just won't let go of me."

Howe is convinced Earth has been and continues to be visited by beings from beyond our world. She strongly suspects the U.S. military and some government officials know more about these visits than they're admitting.

Howe will attempt to explore several theories in her "Earth Mysteries" special, tentatively scheduled to be aired by Fox (in Springfield, KDEB, Channel 27) in late June. She describes the theme as "'20/20' meets 'The Twilight Zone,'" with a mission of airing "serious topics that never are treated as serious news by the traditional media."

Howe hopes "Earth Mysteries" can "finally convince the whole country that if people have experienced something they can't explain, it's meaningless and counterproductive to ridicule them when they come forward to seek answers. I want everyone to have permission to freely discuss what they've seen, heard or felt. Because until we can talk about such things, we all are being manipulated by whoever is trying to keep it covered up — humans, aliens or both."

Howe will speak and show some of her documentary work at the April 23 meeting of the local chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's Pizza, 3184 E. Sunshine St.

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Denver Co. Aims for Credible UFO Research

Involvement of scientists and government envisioned by director

A Denver-based international computer bulletin board company that collects data on UFOs is trying to bring some legitimacy to the study of unexplained bleeps, blips and lights in the sky. Toward that end, Michael Corbin, Denver director of ParaNet information service, has formed the Multi-national Investigations Cooperative on Aerial Phenomena (MICAP).

Corbin says there have been "a lot of sightings in Colorado" in the past, as well as numerous, unexplained cattle mutilations in the state.

ParaNet, says Corbin, currently has approximately 50 affiliates worldwide. The organization is not a fringe group or a collection of "kooks and tabloid types," but an organization that advocates the scientific study of aerial phenomenon. The purpose of MICAP, says Corbin, "is to get some credibility built up in the field of research to attract people to it and make it responsible."

Corbin writes, "MICAP is an organization that is structured solely on uncovering the truth, thereby having no religious, philosophical, or political convictions. It is founded on scientific methodology. It does not function for the promotion of philosophies or ideologies—it simply views the facts."

"There has never been any kind of research standard established" for the study of UFOs, says Corbin. "A bunch of people can claim to be UFOlogists, but nothing's been accomplished. We still don't know any more than we did 40 or 50 years ago."

At the same time, there "appears to be a growing body of knowledge that's not being shared," Corbin advocates

a cooperative venture with the federal government, but says at this point, that is highly speculative.

Corbin describes MICAP as an outgrowth of ParaNet, seeking to "establish ourselves as a credible network." Corbin sees MICAP as a two-tiered group consisting of, initially, a scientific board of review comprised of "leading scientists and investigative people." The board would establish investigative and scientific standards to be adopted internationally.

Too many times, says Corbin, information on UFO sightings is collected and reported by "weekend warriors with no hard and fast rules to go by."

Corbin describes himself as a "straight-up nuts and bolts kind of guy" who is "convinced the (UFO) phenomenon exists."

UFO inquiry, says Rocky Mountain Skeptic founder and president Bela Scheiber, could be legitimate so long as it falls within scientific guidelines. It is important, he adds, that UFO investigators be able to settle for any conclusion their scientific research yields. "It may turn out to be something they don't like," says Scheiber.

Critical, scientific UFO inquiry must "start from a position that doesn't presuppose the existence of alien beings and eliminates all known possibilities." Up to now, UFOlogists "haven't provided evidence that will stand up to the conclusion that UFOs are controlled by alien intelligence," Scheiber points out.

Ellen Zweibel, chairman of the University of Colorado's Department of Astrophysical Planetary & Atmospheric Sciences, notes there is "quite a bit of interest in life on other planets" within the academic and scientific community. While the U.S. government has attempted to search for electromagnetic signals emanating from space, the search, so far, has been fruitless.

As far as tracking and verifying UFO sightings, Zweibel says this falls outside the expertise of most academic astrophysicists. Much of the information about UFOs remains anecdotal in nature, she adds.

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... LIKE A BOOMERANG



David S. Calder, who says he saw a fireball streaking over Norfolk Wednesday, was one of more than 100 people who reported sightings from Virginia to Maine.

Photo by STEVE EARLEY

If it was a UFO, the little guys flying it were 'burning up inside'

By Leanne McGruder
Staff writer

Driving home to Virginia Beach from Richmond at 3 a.m. Wednesday, David S. Calder wished for something to break the tedium.

But he didn't expect a fireball streaking above Interstate 64 as he passed the Norview Avenue exit in Norfolk.

"A slow-moving ball of fire with swirls of blue and white flames suddenly appeared," said Calder, 30, a Midwestern Airways flight instructor at Chesapeake Municipal Airport.

"I didn't know if it was a jet out of Norfolk with its afterburners blazing or a jet going down in flames. . . .

"One thing's for sure, though. If it was a UFO, the little guys flying it were sure burning up inside."

Calder isn't the only one who saw this fireball.

"A slow-moving ball of fire with swirls of blue and white flames suddenly appeared."

David S. Calder,
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Municipal Airport

Robert Gribble, director of the Seattle-based National Unidentified Flying Object Reporting Center, said more than 100 sightings of a "large, fiery object shaped like a boomerang" were reported Wednesday morning over much of the Northeast, from Virginia to Maine.

"We don't have any idea what it

is," Gribble said.

"It could be a meteor or space hardware re-entering the atmosphere. But no one can say for sure just what in the heck this fireball thing was."

Officials at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton and Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach would neither confirm reports of the sightings nor identify what they could have been.

"I'm a pilot, so I always move around with an eye on the sky," said Calder, noting that the fireball was visible for five or six seconds.

"But I've never seen anything quite like this."

"It appeared slower, brighter and lighter than a meteor or a plane. If it was a meteor, it was the strangest-looking darn thing that I've ever seen."

No explanations for strange object in Rice County sky

By PAUL ADAMS
Daily News staff writer

FARIBAULT — Recent events in Faribault have all the makings of a good 1950s B movie.

Strange lights in the sky followed by the sudden appearance of military aircraft behaving in an odd manner have left numerous witnesses with a lot of unanswered questions.

No one seems to know whether the lights several local residents saw were something from out of town, out of state or out of this galaxy, but there are some things everyone is certain of.

What they saw has not been identified.

It was flying.

And its physical properties suggest that it was — you guessed it — an object, of sorts.

The only thing missing was the sound of Orson Welles over the airwaves.

So far, none of the witnesses are using the term **UFQ**, lest peaceful Faribault be molested by reporters from shopping market tabloids. However, one local man and several of his neighbors on Roberds Lake say what they saw was cylindrical, well equipped with lights and was either moving slowly or hovering.

Dick Feichtinger, owner of Paradise Theater in Faribault, first saw the object while driving to work Tuesday night. "I saw this object that was oblong, but it seemed to be hanging up and down. Rather than horizontal, it was vertical."

"I thought that was sort of odd, I have never seen anything like that before."

Feichtinger said the object was white, and very long and narrow. He also reports there were not many clouds in the sky that night. It was about 7 p.m., and still fairly light out.

Later, as he was heading home, Feichtinger saw the object again. This time, it was red and green. Feichtinger rolled down his window to make sure the lights were not a reflection, but the image was the same.

"The fact that it wasn't horizontal is strange ... from the configuration and the way it was hanging — that

was what drew my attention to it."

He continued to track the object until he pulled into his driveway. He then summoned his wife and children outside, and they also saw the object.

Feichtinger called neighbors and friends. Before long, there were several witnesses to the object.

Those witnesses say the object was red, green and at times solid white. It also tended to move around as though guided by some intelligence.

But what really fed the already active curiosity of witnesses was the sudden appearance of what some described as military aircraft.

"I couldn't miss them, I thought they were going to land on my house," said Steve Kelly, who lives on Roberds Lake.

Kelly saw two very large planes flying extremely low and at a reduced speed. He said the planes were flying very close to one another, or "nose to tail."

"I've never seen anything like that at night as far as planes flying in this area."

Feichtinger also saw the planes. As he stood under a street light, he waved to them. As they flew overhead, one of them briefly turned on what seemed to be flood lights.

"They were flying so low I couldn't figure out what was keeping them up there," said Feichtinger. Later, more aircraft appeared in the area. Feichtinger said his son counted as many as 11.

Other witnesses say they saw helicopters as well as planes in the area. The two large planes made a few loops around the lake, and eventually left.

The unidentified light in the sky also left, leaving behind many residents who will be looking over their shoulders for awhile.

A spokesman for the Air National Guard admitted there were two C130 aircraft flying a routine training mission in the Faribault area Tuesday night. The C130s are large, cargo planes capable of flying at low speeds and low altitudes.

Lt. Kevin Gutknecht said one of the pilots of the planes reported turning on some of his landing lights while in the area.

However, Gutknecht said there were no other aircraft reported in the area, and the two C130 pilots say they didn't see any strange lights in the sky.

Feichtinger and other witnesses say they have no explanation for the incidents. Some think it might have been a balloon.

However, the National Weather Service ruled out that possibility. A spokesman for the service said there were no balloons released in the area, and a balloon would not have any lights attached to it.

Gutknecht was equally puzzled by the description of the unidentified object.

"I have no idea what it is. It doesn't sound like anything we have in the Minnesota military inventory."

UALR sets seminar series on UFOs

BY SUSAN PIERCE
Democrat Staff Writer

The University of Arkansas Planetarium is offering an in-depth look at unidentified flying objects with a four-week series of seminars, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

All sessions will be conducted from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays, April 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10 in Room 102 of the Natural Sciences Building on the UALR campus, 2801 S. University Ave.

Cost is \$40 for all four sessions; additional family members can attend for \$20. Single-session rates are also available; for more information, call the planetarium office at

569-3259.

Planetarium director John Williams said the sessions are intended as a complement to "How to Watch a Flying Saucer," the current "starshow" at the planetarium.

"The starshow format is a dialogue between a novice observer who sees something in the sky and a scientist who decides to enlighten him," he said.

"It is an attempt to make people aware of the kinds of things in the sky that can be misidentified. For example, the planet Venus has most often been misidentified as a UFO — not only because it's

bright, but also because when it's low on the horizon, the Earth's atmosphere makes it seem to change colors."

The seminars, he said, will go into more depth on the subject, including discussion of the physical effects of UFOs, including ones that allegedly cause cars to lose power, and reports of actual contact with aliens.

"We'll look at photographs of so-called 'flying saucers' and go into a detailed explanation of misidentifications, hoaxes and the motivations people have for creating hoaxes," Williams said.

"And we'll say a little bit

about the patterns that show up in the (UFO) reports and what these patterns mean."

For one session, Williams would like to assemble a panel of local citizens who have witnessed UFOs to discuss their experiences. He said he will try to be as neutral as possible in his presentations so the audiences can draw their own conclusions.

"I have seen lights in the sky, and even with my astronomical training, I couldn't identify them," he said. "But nothing I've seen violates the laws of physics. Nothing ever did anything an aircraft couldn't do."

UFO?

Mystery of cornfield circle still unbroken



James Lawson wonders what made the circular area in his cornfield near Milan last week. Some say it might have been a UFO.

MILAN — If cows could talk, what secrets they might tell.

They might be able to clear up the mystery of what made the perfect circle in James and Faye Lawson's rural Milan cornfield.

Absent bovine testimony, we're stuck with theories. The wind. A helicopter. Pranksters. Aliens.

The Lawsons have farmed this field about three miles west of Milan for 40 years. Lawson discovered the circle last Tuesday morning while picking corn. It appears to be similar to 300 such markings that have appeared in England and Europe over the last year.

"At first I thought maybe a balloon made it," said Lawson, 70. "Then I thought somebody had come in and run around with an ATV (all-terrain vehicle), but there were no tracks to it."

Neither were there any tracks or footprints in the circle, he said.

Inside the ring, the corn lays in a distinct circular clockwise pattern. The stalks are bent over — not cut — low to the ground. The pattern doesn't appear to begin or end in any one place.

The ground is flat, as if the furrows have been pressed out. The arc of the circle is clearly visible. It measures 46½ feet in diameter in any direction.

At one point, standing inside the circle, I experienced a genuine reluctance to leave the ring. I attributed the feeling less to an other-worldly communion than to the fact that the fenced-in circle was by now surrounded by cows that had meandered from the other end of the field. I waited.

SINCE LAWSON REPORTED his discovery, the field has been swarming with reporters, police, college professors, UFO investigators and curious people. One man who identified himself loosely as being "from the government" got down on his hands and knees to study the ground and take pictures,

JUDY EMERSON



Lawson said.

Shortly, the man announced with excitement that "they" had been there. He said he'd found alien footprints. You see, he explained, the aliens have their front feet on backward.

On Sunday, a woman called from Ohio to tell the Lawsons that aliens are dangerous.

"I told her that one professor said he thought they're coming here, but they're not going to do us any harm," Lawson said. "But this woman said, 'Oh no, they spray something on the ground and if you get it on you, they can track you after that.'"

Dirt from the circle tested negative for radiation.

Based on the maturity of corn in the ring, Lawson believes it was made a month to six weeks ago. A few people have reported some strange happenings during that time period. Some say they sighted UFOs. One man reported having unexplained car trouble near the circle.

Rock Island Sheriff Mike Grehan said his office had received a couple such reports from "reputable people."

"Most of these situations are explainable," Grehan said, "and I'd be surprised if this one isn't. But right at this time, it isn't."

"There's no APB out on flying saucers, but we're watching."

IT'S NO HOAX, say members of the Mutual UFO Network, a national organization that investigates suspected extraterrestrial sightings and phenomena.

Grant Callison, a retired newspaper employee from Galesburg, is an investigator for the group. He visited the circle last week.

"I'd never seen anything like it before," he said. "I don't think it was done by pranks or the wind or a conventional aircraft. The only thing I couldn't rule out was a UFO."

John Salter Jr., a college professor and sociologist who chairs the American Indian Studies Department at the University of North Dakota, believes the Lawson corn circle probably is extraterrestrial.

"Most of us who have pursued the UFO phenomena feel this is a friendly thing. This is nothing to become alarmed about," Salter said. "It adds up to a long and careful, long-term sensitizing project on their part, by ETs, to gradually let humanity become aware of the nearby presence of friendly, intelligent, extraterrestrial life."

THE LAWSONS DON'T know what happened in their field. They are a little more inclined to believe that something is "out there" than they would have been a week ago. However, they're cautious about saying so because they don't want to be labeled as "kooks."

Some people already are looking at them as being a little too cozy with alien creatures. Lawson took a jar of corn to the grain elevator late last week for testing and the clerk wouldn't touch it — or stay in the same room with Lawson.

"She wouldn't come near me until I told her it came out of a different field," he said.

In spite of being overrun by curious people, Lawson has maintained a sense of humor.

An artist from Clinton stopped by the farm house on Tuesday to ask permission to take pictures of the circle. Lawson told her, "Sure," but added a warning.

"Don't go in there," he told her. "You might get some of that stuff on you and then they can trace you from here on out."

I wonder if those cows glow in the dark?

Judy Emerson's column appears on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

UFO seen west of Hines by traveller

By TERRY KEIM
The Times-Herald

A dark night can produce mysteries that are sometimes never solved, and a traveler passing through Burns Wednesday night, March 27, may have witnessed something he'll never know the answer to. Darol Ady, of Nampa, Idaho, described a series of lights he saw between four and eight miles west of Hines on Highway 20 as he drove east.

"I saw two bright lights that looked like landing lights on a plane, coming towards us above the highway," Ady said. "I remember hoping there was a landing strip paralleling the road, or figured it would land right on our car."

Ady said the two lights suddenly went out, and then there was a shower of red lights that looked like burning embers.

"When we got to that point, we saw three heaps of ashes several feet apart. My wife said she saw chunks of burning equipment," said Ady. "Perhaps someone was testing some fireworks, but they didn't look like any I've seen before."

Ady came into town and called the sheriff's office from a phone at the SENTRY Market. Officer Frank Hickey went with Ady back to the site to investigate. Ady stated the lights weren't the strobe lights that sit atop the power lines outside of town.

"We were back out at the site in about 15 to 20 minutes from when Mr. Ady saw the lights, but we didn't see any smoke or charring," said Hickey. "We were looking at milepost 120.5 west of the BLM Wild Horse Corral." Hickey said that he

also went back out to the area the next day to look for evidence of the shower of lights in the daylight, but found nothing.

"We couldn't find anything, but I may not have been at the right place. We couldn't stop the first time because there was a truck coming up behind us," said Ady. "I would love to know what I saw, because it is a big mystery."

A resident of a ranch out by the Wild Horse Corral reported seeing a huge red glow coming from the direction of the Experiment Station, southeast of the highway.

Another resident in the same area said, "At about 8 p.m. I saw the biggest lights I've ever seen in the east near Lawen. They were beautiful blue-green lights, bigger than any plane lights would be." She said they tried to look at the lights through a pair of binoculars, but they were too bright. After hovering in the same place for a while, the lights went down towards the horizon, and went out. Then, just seconds later, a huge bright red light appeared. "It was so huge it made my hair stand on end," she said. She added she will never forget how different the lights looked, or how big they were.

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Feel alienated? You're not alone

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Reporter

Do you have a missing hour or two you can't explain? Do you have trouble sleeping? Do you have strange marks on your body? Have you been having strange dreams?

These may not be signs that you're stressed out or in love, but that you've been abducted by aliens, say officials at the UFO Contact Center International, which is sponsoring a UFO conference Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

The contact center and the conference offer abductees needed support, said Francesco Pagliro, conference emcee.

"There was a need for an organization to bring people together so they're not so spaced out," Pagliro said. "It helps them deal with the situation. It's an educational thing for people to share similar situations."

The conference will feature speakers with a broad range of experience with UFOs. UFOCCI Director Aileen Edwards is a regressive hypnotherapist who unlocks the memories of people who have been abducted by aliens.

"We offer regressive hypnosis so they can integrate the experience into their conscious," Edwards said. "Most (experiences) are very traumatic. These people are not crazy. People who have been ab-

ducted or had contact with aliens have the highest incidence of post-trauma distress disorder, more than even Vietnam veterans, said Phyllis Duran, an abductee.

The aliens' concern with Earth is related to a "ripple effect" in the solar system, Duran said. What affects our planet will affect others, so aliens have a stake in our treatment of the planet, she said.

"The possibility of blowing ourselves to kingdom come would affect who knows, galaxies maybe," Duran said. "We do have free will to destroy ourselves, except by taking the planet with us."

Edwards said she believes the aliens want to advance the "evolution of mankind to a higher state of existence." Examples of the alien's influence include the country's recent interest in saving the environment, she said.

Abductions occur more frequently than most people are willing to think about, Edwards said. UFO abductions have been reported throughout the world, including Poland, Russia and Denmark, she added.

The government has been covering up their knowledge of alien life forms to prevent a panic, Pagliro said.

"The government wants to always look strong, which is good. But when they downplay these people, that's wrong," he said. "A lot of abductees won't come out because people will

say 'they're off the wall.'"

"The government will play it down. They know more than they'll ever say. A ship has crashed and the government took live aliens and have them in captivity."

Clay Kruger, who helps publish "The Missing Link" newsletter put out by the center, at first thought his encounter with aliens was a dream.

"I was awoken in the middle of the night," Kruger said. "I saw a UFO in my backyard. It went to my back window, so I went that way. The next thing I remember I was on the craft."

"I felt it was a dream but when I woke up the next morning, the light was on and my pants were on and that's not something I do — go to sleep with my pants on. I was very disturbed about that."

After abducting humans, the aliens attempt to block the experience of the abduction out of the human's consciousness; however, slowly the repressed experience comes out, Pagliro said.

Conference organizers promise new insights into extraterrestrial activities, with slide presentations and case histories of abductions. Speakers will include: Edwards; Duran; Kruger; Mike Robins, a Boeing worker who specializes in computer programming; and James Van Avery, author of Future Memory. A \$10 donation is requested.

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Cosmic Controversy

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Mankind is teetering on the cusp of a new, long awaited, reality. Minds and hearts are experiencing a 'cosmic' reawakening and we are looking to the heavens for answers. Many new lights are shining and as once closed doors begin to jar, we strive to achieve personal 'oneness' with Creation. The truth, as ever, will come from within.

UFO investigators around the world have tried to link the subject with other unexplained anomalies such as; psychic phenomena, Sasquatch, Bigfoot, Yeti, underground sounds, animal mutilations and the huge circles that are turning up in grainfields the world over, without much success.

One thing those of us interested in the subject can wholeheartedly agree upon is the 'acute' repetition of available information.

Those of you who are already versed on some or all of the information herein, please bear with me while I attempt to enlighten those who are not. As I stated in my previous articles; "I in no way intend to change the beliefs of any group or individual. My aim is simply to present information. The conclusions will be left up to the individual reader".

Halloween of 1990 marked the 51st anniversary of Orson Welles' famous broadcast, "War of the Worlds". Those aware the program was a hoax were (no doubt) amused, but there were those who were not aware. People became panic stricken at the thought of hostile alien beings, taking over the world. I'm not sure what the full effect was on the 1939 populace, but I do know alot of people literally, 'headed for the hills'.

With the ever increasing number of reported UFO encounters and numerous allegations of governmental cover-up, are we any better prepared now, (minus the overpowering air of violence) than we were 51 years ago, to find out the truth about this consistently bemusing enigma? Accountings of contacts with UFO's, whether they be; visually, physically or telepathically are being compiled daily worldwide, adding to an astounding yearly rate of 100,000 reports. This phenomenon knows no social preference. People who have, or are experiencing this type of anomaly have countless versions of a similar story to tell. Whether it has been the split second sighting of an unfamiliar object or an alleged abduction by humanoid beings lasting days, the common bond interlinking these purported encounters is that 'they', the contactees, carry within themselves the truth of their own experiences.

The reported abductions generally include some form of physical examination by bipedal humanoids, of varying descriptions. There are many facets to the human abduction story.

People have reported being taken from their cars, beds and multitudes of other locations. Some claim to have had tiny metallic probes inserted into their ears, brains or nostrils during the encounter and remember having some form of communication with their abductors although they are not always allowed to remember the content. Some people claiming to have had UFO contact have been regressed, through hypnosis, and give the same accountings as they did in a conscious state usually with more detail.

Claims have been made that our government made an agreement in the late 1960's, with extraterrestrials, to trade technology for abductees; sort of a mutually profitable situation, if true.

UFO reports have been around for hundreds of years. Many sightings were reported around the turn of the century. When these 'airships' first began to appear, they were thought to be the secret weapons of other countries.

Dirigible or cigar-shaped crafts were reported most commonly early on. In 1926, a saucer-shaped craft was described by members of the "Roerich Expedition of the American Museum of Natural History," in the skies over Altai Himalaya. The twenty years that followed this sighting were virtually inactive. In 1946 an explosion of activity rocked the Scandinavian countries and northwestern Russia, witnessed by thousands. Luminous objects zipping around in the night skies, sometimes hovering, changing courses abruptly and exhibiting speeds much faster than manmade devices of that time. After the onslaught of sightings in 1946, the cigar-shaped craft seemed to be phased out making way for the seemingly superior, saucer-shaped craft. On rare occasions there are still reports of dirigible shaped craft. The more recent accountings describe every size and shape imaginable. One of the most famous and controversial cases in UFO history happened in July of 1947, 75 miles northwest of Roswell, New Mexico. It is alleged that a crashed saucer, the remains of four alien beings, unfamiliar metal samples and small, woodlike beams with some type of hieroglyphics scribed on them were found at the crash site.

The first report released by the military was that, "a flying saucer had been recovered". An hour later a second press statement was released, it stated that, "a weather balloon had been recovered." Walter Haut, a military spokesman at the time of the incident, claimed to have been given orders to write the original release of information. It is believed that the military covered up and changed the story fearing that the public (given this type of information) would panic and 'National Insecurity' would be the result. There have been countless groups and committees formed, (governmental and civilian alike) to investigate a subject that continues to give clues but no solid answers.

The following are a small percentage of the speculations as to the reasoning behind these visits:

1. We are part of a biological study of humankind by extraterrestrials.
2. ET's have a specific need for some type of mineral and/or vegetation found here on Earth.
3. They are a race of beings who previously inhabited our planet and destroyed it by 'ecological rape', (much like we do now). They have returned to show us the error of our ways.

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4. Some define the overall picture as the rebirthing of society.

5. This is seen by some as the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

On the extreme other hand there are those who direct their reasoning toward:

1. Satanism.

2. Witchcraft, cults and covens.

3. Hallucinations.

4. Our own experimental aircraft.

5. The ever present need to be recognized.

None of these reasons minimize the fact that "something" is going on. Skeptics and debunkers alike have been around forever. These are people who have closed their minds to the possibility of finding truth in this subject matter. They look for frays in accountings and pull until not a thread remains intact. A lot of time is wasted on senseless character assassination, happening, all too often to those claiming to have had encounters. The best part about this is, we are all given the right to choose what we will believe and they, the skeptics, have chosen to be such.

Recently I've heard of a condition called; Hysterical Perception. This was explained to me as a condition wherein the brain sees things that don't actually exist, hallucinations. This is a great concept when directly correlated to the UFO experience, but what about the mutiple encounter? Would it be considered 'a combined hysterical perception'?

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Cosmic Controversy

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During November 1974, a UFO flap started in Minnesota. At the same time many mutilated cows were turning up in the same areas. The reported mutilations usually included; missing lips, tongues, ears, reproductive organs and the slicing of jugular veins, without leaving much blood, if any. There was also an absense of footprints leading to or from the area. This demise was not confined solely to the bovine community, other large animals were found in the same condition.

A small percentage of the mutilation deaths were proven to be other than natural. The parts that were missing from the carcasses were the ones usually attacked first by predators. Some cases, depending upon the monetary value of the animal, were made to appear as though they had been killed, for insurance purposes. (Companies won't pay for insured animals that died of natural causes). Other cases were directly related to 'cultists' who, it is assumed used their bloody bounties during sacrificial rituals. Many serious, dedicated investigators are putting a great deal of themselves into the research of this connection. As of yet, there is no hard evidence that connects UFO's to the mutilations.

A small village in Switzerland is the setting for the Eduard (Billy) Meier story. Meier is an educationally illiterate farmer who claims to be in contact with a female being from the Pleiades, a star cluster also known as the Seven Sisters. Her name is Semjase and she brings with her a message of enlightenment for Humankind. The Pleiadians claim to share the same forefathers as we Earth humans, linking us, in a cosmic sense. Meier figures them to be 3500 years ahead of us technologically. With the helping hand they offer, we could catch up to them in 350 years. He has amassed hundreds of beautiful, detailed photographs, in excess of 3000 pages of transcript, far beyond his educational level. These things, along with metal samples, 8mm film and sound recordings were turned over to professionals to test for authenticity. The results all leaned toward analysts agreeing on the authenticity of the evidence. The conclusion was, there was no reason to believe that a hoax had been perpetrated. Mr. Meier fears for the safety of himself and family members because of threats made on their lives, due to his involvement with the subject.

In Gulf Breeze, Florida hundreds of people claim to have seen peculiar lighted objects hovering around in the night sky. Photographs were taken and those who described the object(s) were similar, if not exact in their descriptions. Now there is a move to discredit the entire town because one resident is accused of 'perpetrating a hoax'. He has allegedly taken pictures of a homemade flying saucer and tried to pass them off as real. He then left the vicariously assembled craft in the walls of a house he'd moved from for the new tenants to find. He denies any wrong doing and continues to involve himself deeply in the subject. Gulf Breeze has become a small town involved in a 'big' controversy.

The evening of July 13, 1990 a routine traffic stop in Gulf Breeze yielded six young soldiers, 5 male, 1 female, AWOL from their Army posts in Augsburg, West Germany. They were assigned to the '701st Intelligence Brigade' all had top secret clearance and forged leave papers. When the officer involved was unable to obtain a valid license from the driver he had his name run through a military crime computer. The police department was informed by an officer at Pensacola Naval Air Station that they should "contact Washington, right away. They want this guy real bad". In a very short time they were whisked away by F.B.I. and C.I.A. agents. After a brief stay at Pensacola, NAS, they were taken to Fort Benning, Georgia then to Fort Knox, Kentucky where they were cleared of routine espionage charges.

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issued 'General Discharges' and released after waiving their rights to a defense. Pentagon spokesmen said, "They were called; The End Of The World Cult". They believed the Rapture was about to take place and were preparing to ascend to Heaven, via spaceship. It was also rumored that they were a squad whose mission was to find and destroy the Anti-Christ. The group claimed, "They were there for religious reasons". While the 'Six' were being held in a processing mode, a mysterious note was supposedly delivered to: ABC, NBC, CBS, AP, UPI,

US ARMY

FREE THE GULF BREEZE SIX

WE HAVE THE MISSING FILES, THE BOX OF 500 PLUS PHOTOS AND THE PLANS YOU WANT BACK.

HERE IS PROOF WITH CLOSE-UPS CUT OUT.

NEXT WE SEND THE CLOSE-UPS AND THEN EVERYTHING UNLESS THEY ARE RELEASED.

ANSWER CODE AUG5BB3CM

Some believed that this note was directly responsible for their release.

The 'grainfield circles' that have appeared in great numbers throughout the past ten years, continue to challenge the minds of the experts investigating this phenomenon. The circles first turned up in England, but have now been found in America, Japan and Canada, as well. The impressions that began as huge, simple circles have graduated into enormous, elaborate patterns, including circles within circles connected by perfectly straight symmetrical lines. The inside of each circle contains grain that has been crushed flat in a clockwise direction. There is no trace of entry to the area. Researchers claim that these elaborate indentations in the earth bear a striking resemblance to the script of the ancient Sumerians. They have defined the message as a need to conserve and store water, due to an impending drought. (Whatever the truth behind the circles may be, the need to conserve our natural resources, remains constant). Other reasons given, in an attempt to explain the origin of the circles are; UFO landing impressions, wind vortexes, soil disorders, previously unknown fungi, electro magnetic conditions and the mating rituals of small animals in a frenzy.

Another strange connection to the UFO experience are the 'Men in Black' or MIB's. They were first reported in September of 1953 by a gentleman named Albert Bender. Albert was deeply interested in UFO research. He published a newsletter called, "Space Review" for the "International Flying Saucer Bureau", a group headed by himself. He claimed to have been approached by three MIB's who threatened his safety if he continued his involvement with the subject. He quit!

Men in Black got their name (you guessed it) because they are generally reported to be wearing black suits. All races and complexions have been reported, but facial descriptions are mostly of Asianlike features. Claims have been made that they have a peculiar, robotlike walk and usually show up in large dark colored sedans, demanding evidence or threatening the well being of someone who has experienced and/or investigating the subject and chooses to further pursue it. In some instances the MIB's are reported to demand evidence that had not been made public knowledge prior to their appearance.

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In remote areas where Bigfoot, UFO and other strange phenomena are reported there have also been reportings of 'underground sounds'. These rumblings have been likened to everything from the hum of a Harley, to the huge turbines in Grand Coulee Dam. There is generally no ground movement in the time duration of the sounds. This lack of movement lessens the theory of the sounds being caused by tectonic strain.

The uncanny coincidence of the reported mysterious helicopters that appear all too often just before, during and after an encounter continue on without a valid explanation. They are sometimes described as military camouflage-type helicopters. Others claim to have had small private helicopters involved in their experiences. The most ominous of all the reports is the sleek, all black 'Cobra-type chopper' with black tinted windows and usually no markings.

In one very famous UFO report a woman, under hypnosis, told about seeing several large helicopters surrounding a seemingly disabled, saucer-shaped craft. It was later reported that the downed craft was being maneuvered by a novice, a human. She received severe burns and suffered a great deal of emotional trauma as a result of her encounter.

Ideally, the "perfect contactee" would be a Scientist or a Nuclear Physicist, maybe even an Astronomer. It would be great if the majority of people having encounters were highly educated, but this is not the case. Most of the data questionnaires on the subject ask your name and level of education on the same line. I have come across a few investigators who base a person's credibility, in a report, solely upon their educational background. I hope this approach doesn't deter the less educated people from giving reports. Their experiences will prove to be as important as any other.

There is so much to be said in reference to these subjects, that I, have but scratched the surface for you here. The available information is plentiful. The organizations formed to study the continual flow of reported encounters are equally as abundant.

Locally, although the more recent accountings seem to be sporadic, we

continue to take reports and will gladly share them with you, from time to time. Anyone having reports to make can contact me through the newspaper office.

The following is a brief summary of reported local encounters during the last few months of 1990.

August 28, 1990 - 3:50 P.M. - Three adults and three children, on Bautista Canyon Road, observed a very peculiar object as it made its way from the direction of Coyote Canyon to Bautista Canyon in broad daylight. The object was described as having the shape of a flat box that was pinched in the middle. One witness stated that the brown object had a silver band at its center, while another said, "It had a black band in the same place". One claimed it was spinning, another said it was gliding along. It was almost impossible to judge the size of the craft due to its excessive speed and altitude.

August 29, 1990 - 11:00 A.M. - A man and his son were driving along Bahrman Road when they first spotted the object. They too described it as a box that was pinched in the middle, a bow tie. It was reported to be white in color, with some type of sphere in the center. It traveled along in front of Thomas Mountain and at times was said to be higher than the crest of the mountain. They claimed to have the object in sight for two minutes, before it vanished.

NOTE: Interesting parallels between these two sightings were the unusual shape of the object, both were daylight sightings and in both instances, one witness reported the object to be spinning while others said, "It glided".

August 30, 1990 - 1:00 A.M. - Three adults were on Thomas Mountain trying out a new spotting scope when a brilliant light appeared from behind Cahuilla Mountain. To the naked eye it reportedly looked like a mushroom, with all the colors of the rainbow. As the scope was focused on the object it appeared to be two balls of light connected by a cylindrical object. It remained in sight for about five minutes before another aircraft came into view, at which time, it simply disappeared.

September 13, 1990 - 8:00 P.M. - Two adults, in the village area, were outside enjoying a relief from the heat of the day. They claimed to have seen a white light approaching them from the direction of Cahuilla Mountain. It wasn't anything spectacular, but it was enough to catch their attention. The light glowed more brightly and a beam of some type shone down on them. One person said they couldn't make out a source for the light, the other said they caught a glimpse of what was described as a wheel within a wheel.

September 20, 1990 - 3:00 A.M. - A couple, also in the village area, had just returned home when they noticed a gold light at the base of Beauty Mountain. They claimed that the light would rise and fall emitting colorful sparks, as it did. Suddenly it would blink out and in an instant appear at another location, far from the previous one. They estimate having the light(s) in view for ten minutes.

September 22, 1990 - 11:30 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. - This accounting is a bit sketchy, at best. It involves four teenagers who were somewhere they shouldn't have been on a Saturday night. They all claim to have seen a blue, glowing object fall from the sky and touch earth in one of the fields close to their homes. They all tell the same story and claim to have searched the field in an attempt to locate and identify the object, to no avail. They also claim to have spoken with a Riverside County Sheriff, who was in the area at the time. The sheriff's report for the week made no mention of this type of report.

September 26, 1990 - 8:00 P.M. - Two adults were standing in a yard in the vicinity of Bahrman Road and Highway 371, when a white light appeared to the south over Beauty Mountain. It would reportedly move about erratically, from one hill to another at a high rate of speed. They claimed it appeared as one light and in an instant, it would be two or four. The light was visible for about 30 minutes before it blinked out.

September 26, 1990 - 9:00 P.M. - A couple driving toward their Terwilliger home noticed a brilliant flash of blue light that split the night sky over Anza.

September 27, 1990 - 2:00 P.M. - A Terwilliger woman was sitting on her front porch watching what she believed to be an airplane. It was a shiny silver object that was nestled into the saddle of a hill near Tule Peak. It didn't seem to move for a long period of time. Then according to her report, it shot up to what she estimated to be several hundred feet and hovered for a couple of minutes before it disappeared.

October 20, 1990 - 8:00 A.M. - Witnessed by two adults and a child in two separate visual encounters. The silver disc shaped object was seen from two separate locations. It was reported to be hovering over the Highway at Kirby Road. They both stated that, at one point the object stood on end and resembled a ball.

The foregoing experiences were selected from many reportings. To avoid unnecessary repetition, I didn't use all of them, but I appreciate the sharing of each and every one.

A very profound incident took place on February 7, 1991, at approximately 4:15 A.M. I understand that there were many witnesses to this sighting, who have yet to come forward. Included in this highly visible encounter were several various aircraft. I am encouraging anyone who may have viewed this to contact me with details. I will not use names.

If these things are found to be "truths" they will indeed shed new light on every aspect of life on this planet. Peace be with you.

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reports of this type,
can contact

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Unexplained, fiery debris turns eyes to skies with wonder

It's not tough to believe that people from other planets visit Earth. Look around. That guy sipping coffee without blowing on it first could be a Venusian who thrives on hot swill. And the family in that booth in the back? Mom and Pop are talking quietly — and the kids are behaving! They couldn't be earthlings.



LARRY POWELL

teletype message to the Texas Department of Public Safety about a possible ground fire near Longview and fiery objects falling from the sky. "Are investigating a possible correlation of the two sightings," the message read.

It was a strange night. Flaming objects fell from the sky, and emergency sirens in the White Rock area of Dallas began to sound at 1:47 a.m.

No fire was found. No flaming objects were found. And no reason was found to explain the sirens.

It's like those crop circles that keep showing up in England. There's no satisfactory explanation.

Nearly two weeks after the eerie events in Texas, Bobby J. Martinez, assistant director of the U.S. Office of Emergency Preparedness, says of the sirens: "We pursued all logical explanations for that occur-

ance. We pretty much ran into a dead end fairly quickly. Anything that could explain it from a technological or scientific standpoint just didn't prove to be the case."

He says that it's not uncommon for a siren warning system "or any other electronic device" to be activated by electrical activity. What sets this incident apart was that only a portion of the system was activated. "What also adds to the uniqueness of this activation," he says, "was the fact that the day before, almost 12 hours earlier, we had conducted our monthly testing and the results indicated that systemwide we were operating at a 94 percent rate."

The speculation is, he says, that the system could have been set off as a "result of falling space debris that was taking place about the same time."

The U.S. Space Command tracks the stuff mankind puts into space. You reach the Space Command through NORAD's public

affairs office in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Maj. Dick Adams, contacted this week, says the Space Command "certainly had nothing man-made re-entering" the atmosphere that night. "Is there another agency that might be monitoring this?" the major was asked. "Not that I would be aware of," he replied.

So, here we are, holding a bag of space mystery.

Among the people who heard the sirens that night was Daniel Haley, spokesman for the local chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a group of people interested in explaining the unexplained. "It was strange," Mr. Haley says.

As luck would have it, just as we puzzle over this unexplained occurrence, MUFON has scheduled a program on the biggest curiosity to hit Great Britain since Stonehenge — the crop circles in the cornfields.

(The lecture beings at 8 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn, North Central Expressway at Meadow Road. Tickets are \$10 for MUFON members, \$12 for non-members.)

Discussing the huge, unusual patterns left by who-knows-what will be the Earl of Haddington and George Wingfield. The Earl has established the Centre for Crop Circle Studies and Mr. Wingfield is the director.

Mr. Wingfield says the circles are pictograms. Others say they're hoaxes. One was a hoax, Mr. Wingfield suggests, "perpetrated by a special detachment set up by the army for this purpose."

A couple of circles have been found at a place called Cheesefoot Head. This leads me to suggest that we stop looking for what causes crop circles and find the guy responsible for naming places in England.

Cheesefoot Head? Sounds like a disease in cows — borne by spores from space.

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STRANGE HOBBY—Norio Hayakawa claims to have spent 30 years researching Unidentified Fly Objects and has traveled to the infamous and now popular "Area 51" in Nevada and has taken photographs of UFO's. Pictured is Hayakawa showing a map of the U.S. where other strange occurrences have been documented.

Local resident sees objects in Nevada sky

by Justin Pecot
GVN Staff Writer

If you had asked Norio Hayakawa if he believed in Unidentified Flying Objects 30 years ago, he would have thought you were crazy.

But now, Hayakawa says he has seen too much to discount their existence.

A Gardena resident for eight years, Hayakawa, a former teacher and resident of Japan, says he and several others from Gardena meet regularly to discuss a recurring phenomena in an all but deserted piece of Nevada desert called Area 51.

As for identification of the flying objects in the desert which he and his brother-in-law have photographed over the years, Hayakawa has no doubts what the dott-lights in the desert are.

"We believe the UFO's to be highly sophisticated United States government air-craft," Hayakawa said.

Area 51, just a few miles north of Las Vegas, has been in the public eye more and more lately as many more private citizens make the drive through the desert to watch the "test flights" as Hayakawa calls them, on Wednesday nights.

Presently, Hayakawa as well as hundred of other people around the world, collect information regarding strange happening and try to make sense of the unexplained occurrences.

Hayakawa, now a Gardena businessman, thinks the U.S. government wants to keep their secret for the time being

because they off limit new land bordering the military installation in order to keep away the "looky-loos."

"We are sometimes the object of harassment from the local police and the military when we go to the mail box area to watch the test flights," he said.

The mail box area he is referring to once belonged to a rancher who owned property deep inside the desert near the sighting. According to Hayakawa, the rancher was moved to another area in Nevada and the government now owns his land.

"We can legally stand at the mail box checkpoint and watch the lights from about 17 miles away," Hayakawa said.

According to Hayakawa, Stealth Technology was developed at area 51 and the craft he and others spotted and photographed, made super fast vertical movements as well as horizontal movements.

His first sighting occurred last year in February, when he and a Japanese television crew witnessed and videotaped the bizarre flights.

"The lights can be seen most often on Wednesday nights between five and nine in the evenings," he said.

Although government sources cannot substantiate Hayakawa's findings, his fact-gathering campaign appears to be thorough. There are about 25 to 30 regular members in Hayakawa's group that meet to trade information and ideas about strange phenomenon in the world.

Alien contacts create 'encounter' group

By JIM BURKE
The Register-Guard

The traumatic thing about being abducted by aliens, Aileen Bringle said Saturday, is that you never know what to expect.

Bringle, director of the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Contact Center International, said she first made contact with aliens in 1953.

It was midnight. Bringle was asleep next to her husband, who was driving west near Pendleton. She woke up to his screams and looked out the window to see the entire landscape fully illuminated — in green.

"When something unknown is happening, there's no way to rationalize it," she said. "We thought it was Hanford blowing up."

In time — Bringle isn't sure how long, be-

cause she experienced a phenomenon known by UFO enthusiasts as "missing time" — the sky darkened and the couple went on their way.

Since then, Bringle said, she has seen a huge UFO lined with something that looked like lace hovering above Wyoming; she has been told by her former husband that five aliens entered their bedroom and stomped on a pair of shoes; and, earlier this year, she awakened to find fingerprints on the inside of her thighs.

"That really disturbed me," she said. "I live alone."

The uncertainty and terror of alien contact that others like her have felt — not to mention the ensuing stress and thoughts of insanity — led Bringle, of Federal Way, Wash., to organize the UFO center in 1978 so that people could relate



Aileen Bringle says rock was left by extraterrestrials.

their otherworldly experiences without fear of hostility or ridicule.

On Saturday, several members of the center gathered at Erb Memorial Union at the University of Oregon to describe their alien contacts to a group of about 30 people. The public meeting was designed to educate people about other life forms and various inexplicable phenomena.

UFO contact, a devious issue since the mid-1960s, become even more debated in 1987 when author Whitley Strieber published "Communion," his account of being abducted from his secluded New York cabin.

"Scoffing at (abductees) is as ugly as laughing at rape victims," he wrote.

Other authors ridicule, even insult, those who say they have been abducted by aliens. In 1988's "UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game," Philip Klass included a "Post Script for Potential Abductees."

"If you worry that your teen-age daughter may be abducted and impregnated with UFO-naut sperm," he wrote, "shift your worries to more prosaic causes of pregnancy."

Bringle calls Klass a "paid debunker."

Clay Kruger, a member of the UFO center's board of directors, said his first contact with UFOs occurred in July 1989 near his home in Kent, Wash.

In what he thought was a dream, Kruger got out of bed and put on his pants before seeing a cylindrical object outside, about 6 feet tall by 8 feet wide at its middle. It radiated a purple glow around the back yard and later went to the front of the house.

Suddenly, Kruger said, he found himself against a wall with nothing beneath him. He looked down to see a grass field that he recognized from his neighborhood.

Kruger said he knew he hadn't been dreaming when he awoke with his pants still on. After two more nights of alien contact — one of which featured a monkeylike being in the living room — Kruger was distraught.

"I'm not normally that way," said Kruger, 30. "I tried to talk to a close friend, and now we haven't talked since. I get that from a lot of people. But (with the center members) I wasn't laughed at, I wasn't ridiculed. I could talk to people who had real good track records, real pillars of society."

Today, the center has 60 regional groups in the United States and Canada. It publishes a newsletter, "The Missing Link," and sends it around the globe from its base in Federal Way.

Within a few years, Bringle said, members hope to establish a World Light Center in Colorado and a book publishing company so that those claiming abduction will no longer have to sell their story ideas to a skeptical corporate publishing monolith.

Francesco Pagliaro of Eugene, the meeting's host, said the center reassures members that a federal government intent on debunking the UFO phenomenon doesn't have all the answers.

"The government needs to look good," said Pagliaro, 38, who first became interested in UFOs a few months ago and phoned Bringle after reading a letter that Bringle wrote to Omni magazine.

"What do you think people would say if the government came out and said, 'We've seen a UFO'? ... I know these people are sincere — you can see it in their faces."

Hayakawa is giving a free 7 seminar dealing with the sighting at the Japanese Cultural Institute, April 6, at 7 p.m.

Celestial Lectures Veer Away From Earthly Path

Mark Minton

NEWS Staff Writer

EUREKA SPRINGS — Aliens descend upon you in the dead of night, whisk you off in their flying saucer and then perform all manner of unnatural experiments on your unwilling but immobilized body.

The first time this happens, you probably blame the entire episode on the Heinlein novel you had been reading just before you nodded off. The second time it happens, you probably swear off of Heinlein altogether.

When the strange and unseemly business persists, however, it is time to take drastic measures. For Paula Watson of Mount Vernon, Mo., that meant sleeping with a pistol under her pillow and,

when that didn't work, adding a Bible.

Watson was one of many speakers to address the third annual Ozark UFO Conference that was continuing here this morning. An estimated 350 are attending the conference, which has featured lectures by well-known investigators of unidentified flying object reports.

Watson, who spoke Saturday, said that neither the Bible nor the pistol deterred the space creatures, whom she said have absconded with her on upwards of 20 occasions since 1983.

She claims encounters with not only lizard-like aliens but their cohorts, who are "the little grays," "the tall grays" and the dark, mysterious cloaked figures.

Nonetheless, she is sleeping easier these days. Watson said she feels certain that she has finally

found the bane of the aliens. They don't mess with her, she said, when she enshrouds herself in a certain light.

"It zaps them away," she said. "Now I don't feel like they're going to borrow me anymore." Her husband, Ron, who also claims encounters with space creatures, agreed that the shroud appears to work. "My own belief," he said, "is that no evil can enter into that."

While that may put to a rest the question of how to deal with this particular kind of alien, many more questions raised at the UFO conference were left open-ended, awash in mysterious circumstance.

How to explain, for instance, the strange "crop

circles" that have appeared suddenly in England and elsewhere. Dozens of photographs documenting the phenomena lined a wall at the conference.

The photos showed bizarre circular patterns that had been mashed into the fields as if with a cookie cutter. There is no known explanation, said Lucius Farish of Plumerville, an organizer of the conference.

The imprints could be messages so far undecipherable or marks caused by landing space craft, he speculated as he perused a gallery of the pictures.

And what about the strange and surgical mutilations of farm animals, which has occurred recently near Berryville. In this phenomenon, certain parts of cattle, often genitalia, are cut away with sophisticated precision.

Linda Moulton Howe, who has filmed documentaries on the subject, said Saturday that the animals appeared to give no struggle during the mutilations. She also said some of their blood had been cooked.

While some have offered bacteria as an explanation, Howe said that doesn't explain all of the cuts. And she said it is possible that aliens are "harvesting" the animal parts for research and consumption.

Along with other scientific evidence, she cited recently released veterinarian reports that could not explain the nature of the cuts.

Also speaking Saturday were two journalists well-known for their research of UFOs. Antonio Huneus, a New York-based freelancer and Sergei Bulantsev, a journalist for TASS, the soviet news agency.

Huneus said UFOs are a global phenomenon and that they've even been spotted in the Middle East. He presented photographs and artists' renditions and outlined sightings from all over the world.

President Assad of Syria, he said, "turned out to be quite interested in UFOs, which he takes quite seriously." As his source for that, Huneus cited a story published in *Flying Saucer Review*.

Bulantsev, who said he has worked for TASS for more than 15 years, quoted from interviews of many who have reported seeing flying saucers in the Soviet Union.

"Sometimes," he said, "it's dangerous to observe a UFO." He explained that in one case, a group of Russians in a cafe observed a landed UFO for about 40 minutes, and it apparently hurt their eyes.

"Doctors came to the conclusion that their eyesight worsened twice," said Bulantsev, who spoke English haltingly at times. "The conclusion of the team of doctors is, it's dangerous to observe UFOs for a long time, and it may be especially dangerous for children."

Bulantsev said there may be aliens with mischief, or worse, on their minds who are passing bad messages to humans. One alleged message from a UFO insisted that no one should "touch Saddam Hussein and his generals," he said. That one, if valid, clearly emanated from a "dark force," Bulantsev said.

Farish estimated that convention-goers came from as many as 25 states. Gordon Kellander of Fairmont, Minn., was one in attendance. He said he was returning from a trip out west and decided to swing by for the event.

Kellander said UFOs are nothing new to him; he's seen a dozen of them, including a dramatic swoop of bright lights that flew past his home in September.

"It was spectacular," he said, estimating the lights passed by at 4,000 mph, leaving "a green mass" in their wake. It was over in a hurry, he said. Kellander said all he could do was stand there and watch the lights whiz by.

"I watched them disappear toward Minneapolis," said Kellander, who was wearing a button that said: "I've seen a UFO, have you?" He said he couldn't be sure about whether there are any alien creatures, but he knows he's seen something.

"I've never seen any of those little round-headed men," he said. "But I wouldn't doubt they're out there."

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Catching up with the sun

By Art Drake

Letter from the

Editor

An opportunity for a spring break vacation crept up on me, and I almost let it slip by. Fortunately, alertness set in at the last minute and my family patched together a quick visit to Pensacola, Fla., last week.

In talking to friends and relatives about the vacation, I have concluded that the things we did were nice - but boring: We slept late, swam in the hotel pool in the morning, found an excuse to stay out of the intense midday sun and went to the beach in the afternoon.

The interesting things are the things I did not do:

- I did not buy the book I saw about Florida's poisonous snakes.

- I did not buy the book I saw about Florida's non-poisonous snakes.

- I did not buy the book I saw about Florida's poisonous snakes and poisonous sea creatures.

- And I did not buy the Florida poisonous snakes coloring book.

- I did not buy the tiny shark that was pickled in a jar on a shelf in a souvenir shop. (I imagined a label: "My friends went to Pensacola, and all I got was this dumb shark!")

- Nor did I buy the pickled coral snake (The label explained that this particular creature means instant death).

- I did not see a UFO, although I looked.

Let me explain that last one. We took a bus tour of Pensacola. And our guide, Mickey, told us many interesting things about historic Pensacola.

Andrew Jackson was an important man there, serving as governor. His wife hated the rowdy seaport city, at least partly because they tended to play the fiddle on Sundays.

investigator who now teaches a class on UFOs at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

"You don't follow up if it's just somebody who saw lights in the sky," she said. "But if someone sees [a UFO] hovering over their yard at tree-top level, then that's worth going out there."

When you get there, you interview witnesses and look for physical evidence, such as broken tree limbs and swarms of small green beings with seven eyes buying out the frozen burrito section of the local Wawa. (Sorry, just kidding about that last part. Then again, if you do see green beings, you should probably make a note of it.)

If a landing is reported, you may check the area for radioactivity with a Geiger counter and take soil samples, she said.

As far as qualifying for the job, it's not too hard. Generally, MUFON likes its people to be well-educated natives of Earth, preferably with backgrounds in

engineering, math or science. But science knowledge is not a requirement, Miles said.

"A reporter would be quite acceptable, I'm sure," he told me.

(With all respect to Mr. Miles, I'm sure he knew not of what he spoke when he made that last remark. Just putting two journalists on his staff would lower the math capability of MUFON to the third-grade level.)

Field investigators also should own their own cars, like working with people, and be willing to travel (though not necessarily beyond the planet).

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ANDY MARLATT

Encountering alien notions

Ever seen an alien spaceship hovering over your azalea bushes and wonder if anybody cares?

Somebody does.

In fact, it seems the people who care could use some help.

The Mutual UFO Network, a national organization that investigates sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects, could use a "field investigator" or two in the Fairfield County area.

The network, called MUFON, has only four field investigators in Connecticut and their work is backing up, said MUFON state director Randy Miles.

Miles, who lives near Hartford, often has to check out sightings in this vicinity by himself. The person he's got closest to Bridgeport lives near Wallingford, he said.

Let me assure you, the need exists.

Less than a month ago, Miles said, a security guard in Wilton claimed a circular-shaped object hovered several minutes over the building where he worked and then sped off.

In the past three months, UFO sightings have been reported in Westport and West Haven.

In the past three months, UFO sightings also have been reported in Westport and West Haven, he said. (There is no known correlation between extraterrestrials and towns that begin with the letter "W," although it is believed that ET's real name was Wayne.)

Unfortunately, Miles is so backed up with other possible sightings in Rocky Hill, West Hartford and the like that he hasn't gotten down here to check out those two claims.

This area, he said, is a hotbed of UFO activity, especially toward the New York state line. Last Aug. 31, many of you may remember, several Bridgeporters said they saw a diamond-shaped pattern of lights floating over Lafayette Square. Sightings similar to that one were reported in May 1989, but were written off by some as a group of prankish airplane pilots.

UFO sightings also were reported in Norwalk in 1987, while in 1984 hundreds of (allegedly sober) people claimed to have seen odd things in the air.

"And there are probably many more that I don't know about," Miles said.

Experts say that only 5 to 10 percent of sightings get reported at all. The problem is, people often are afraid to talk or don't know who to tell.

Well, you can tell Randy Miles, for one, at 953-1204. And if you're interested in becoming a MUFON field investigator, you should know this: It doesn't pay and you have to fill out an application.

If you can handle that, be aware that you may get a phone call, even in the middle of the night, about a sighting. But you don't always have to go, said Anastasia Wietrzykowski, a former

UFO enthusiasts trade tales at Eureka Springs meeting

The Associated Press
EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. — The annual convention of UFO enthusiasts that ended Sunday was no laughing matter, an organizer said. Lou Farish said he's heard the snickers of people who don't take seriously talk of cow mutilations, crop circles and extraterrestrial kidnappings. And he insisted it's no joke: space aliens that visit the Soviet Union do look different than those who visit the United States. "I'm assuming the skeptics don't know anything about the subject or they don't want to face the implications of the subject. They don't want their world disturbed."

— Lou Farish
At Ozark UFO conference

gave presentations about UFOs at the conference, which about 400 people attended.

Sergei Bulantsev, 46, a UFO researcher from the Soviet Union, told conference-goers Saturday that aliens in his country are better looking than those in the United States. "They're just like Europeans, like foreign tourists," Bulantsev said of the aliens that visit the Soviet Union. "It seems to be different teams of aliens are operating in our two countries."

George Wingfield of Glastonbury, England, said circles are being cut out of crop fields all over the world. Wingfield said he was unsure why the numbers of incidents are increasing.

"I can't explain, but it does seem that there has been a sort of response to the fact that people are taking interest in these sightings," he said.

Linda Howe, an author and film producer, spoke about animal mutilations. Farish said a cow was mangled in Berryville two months ago by an incision produced by high heat, along the lines of a laser.

Howe will be in Springfield later this month to tape the story of resident Gerald Anderson's recollection of a childhood encounter with a crashed "flying saucer" and its unearthly crew in the New Mexico desert in 1947.

It will be part of her upcoming TV special "Earth Mysteries," being prepared for airing in late June on the Fox Network, KDEB, Channel 27, TeleCable 2.

Skies are bright in Hoyt Lakes

by Kitty Anderson

The people in Hoyt Lakes and surrounding areas agree for sure about one thing — bright lights that have been hovering in the sky. But just where they're from is anybody's guess, or suspicion or fear.

Reports have been coming in from all over the area since last Wednesday about green, red and white lights criss-crossing over the area above Gilbert, Biwabik, Aurora and Hoyt Lakes.

But as luck(?) would have it for the Hoyt Lakes residents, the lights stopped above them, glowing and then disappearing, only to reappear.

Duluth's Radar Station tracked five "targets," somewhere in the area of Hoyt Lakes, reporting that they appeared stationary at times. Hoyt Lakes residents, and police officers, as well as Police Chief Don Grivette, saw the "lights." When asked in what formation the targets appeared relative to each other, one officer replied, "In a circle."

Many observers thought they were helicopters too far up to be heard, or airplanes. Not very many thought they might have been from anywhere else but earth, but many speculated.

Military personnel from around the area have denied having any aircraft in the area, and the U.S. Air Force no longer investigates UFO reports.

According to Chief Grivette, however, all citizens can contact Phenomena Research, P.O. Box 1807, Seattle, WA, 98111 regarding UFO activity. The National UFO Reporting Center there, established in 1974, is still operational. The phone number is 1-206-722-3000.

Airplanes? Helicopters? The weather? Will we ever know?

Local teaches UFO class

Greenwood resident Peter MacKenzie has a hunch that unidentified flying objects aren't just some Hollywood scriptwriter's fantasy and he's teaching a 16-hour class to prove it.

MacKenzie's class, offered through the University of Washington's Experimental College, is titled "UFOs: Review of a Phenomenon." The class is scheduled for 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. on Saturdays, April 6 through 27.

It is the first of its kind ever offered by the Experimental College and will take an objective approach, according to MacKenzie, who has studied the subject for the past 20 years.

The class will examine the phenomenon of UFOs since their first modern sighting near Mount Rainier in 1947. Students will review a variety of reports of close encounters ranging from unusual night-time lights to the alleged abduction of humans by unknown "visitors." Also to be addressed is the U.S. government's alleged role in a possible cover-up of UFO information and how a person can access national computer networks to gain the latest data.

Highlights of the class include interviews with people who have seen UFOs, including a Snohomish County law enforcement officer who witnessed the landing of a craft in a pasture near Arlington.

Scheduled speakers include: Bob Gribble, Western Regional Director of the Mutual UFO Network, the nation's largest UFO organization, and Dale Goudie, founder and system manager of the Computer UFO Network, a large electronic data-base offering up-to-date information on sightings and other UFO-related developments.

The 16-hour class has a maximum enrollment of 40 students and class fees are \$47.37 for the general public and \$31.37 for UW students. For further information or to register for the class, call the Experimental College at 543-4375.

Strange light in sky seen over the Chetco

By FRANN GROSSMAN
Pilot Staff Writer

The question remains: What got Cleo Hall out of bed at 4 in the morning so she was at the right place at the right time to observe the strange light?

Hall and her husband, Dan, live about 3 1/4 miles up North Bank Chetco River Road east of Brookings.

"I'm an insomniac anyway," she says, "but something said to get up, so I got up, even though I'm thinking 'Shoot, what am I doing?'"

"I opened the curtain out of the den looking toward the mountains and there's this light that would just knock you out ..."

'It was real orangey. Brilliant? Oooh, just a brilliant light.'

—Cleo Hall

Hall saw the unusual bright light shining through a cluster of trees yesterday (March 29).

It has occurred to her it was some sort of unidentified flying object.

"First I saw a tip, like a fingernail of the moon, but this was in the west, not where the moon was supposed to be at all.

"Here came this thing up there. It was real orangey. Brilliant? Oooh, just a brilliant light."

All of a sudden it just faded out, like it was going somewhere."

Hall is an artist, a past president of the Pelican Bay Arts Association in Brookings.

A retired nurse and office manager from Coos Bay, she has lived in Brookings for 14 years.

She says she sketched really quickly what she saw yesterday morning, just to prove she was really awake.

Mormon studies theology, UFOs

By TIM GURRISTER
Standard-Examiner staff

For Scott S. Smith, the issue isn't whether UFOs in their many reported forms exist but how they relate to his LDS faith.

"I doubt it will ever see the light of day, but I'd like to deliver a paper at the Sunstone symposium (in August) on this," says Smith, a free-lance writer researching an article on UFO sightings by members of his church.

"We'd have to look at it very carefully, of course," said Elbert Peck, editor of the Salt Lake City-based Sunstone magazine, the independent publication of LDS topics which sponsors the symposiums.

Smith, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., has been sending notices to Utah newspapers and elsewhere asking church members to send him their experiences with UFOs and their theories how they might relate to Mormon theology.

"I'd like feedback from other people in my religion," he said in a telephone interview. "I think we ought to think about it. That's the bottom line."

He hasn't yet approached Utah Sunstone officials. And after a rejection from California Sunstone organizers, he's not hopeful. "If California won't take it, I doubt Utah will."

Peck said Smith had given presentations at Sunstone symposiums before but he doubted he'd allow him a forum for a debate on flying saucers. Previous Smith presentations have included animal rights and promotions for the Democratic party, Peck said.

Smith said so far he has only received five letters from Mormons, several in Utah, relating their UFO encounters.

"They're nothing real dramatic, just very sober, straight-arrow, conservative letters from everyday people

'It's quite clear something is going on ... and it's getting more invasive and aggressive ... with more abductions.'

— Scott S. Smith

saying this is what we saw," said the 40-year-old, who attended Brigham Young University from 1968 to 1972, with an LDS mission to Germany sandwiched in the middle.

"I'm convinced there are more people out there in Utah who are afraid to speak up," Smith said. "I want to stimulate some discussion on this. I'm all for a free flow of information, and let the chips fall where they may."

He didn't want to comment yet on any relations to Mormon theology, except to say Mormons have the most "space-aged" theology of any church in that the faithful believe there are other populated worlds. But he feels it's a "lazy assumption" to believe UFOs are visitors from those worlds, he said, and that they would have human form.

The Los Angeles native is a contributor to "UFO" magazine, based in Sunland, a Los Angeles suburb, and has read volumes of books and papers on the subject.

"It's quite clear something is going on ... and it's getting more invasive and aggressive the last few years with more abductions."

Since the 1940s, easily a million UFO sightings have been made, he said.

"There's so many they can't all be explained away. And there's a ton of declassified documents from around the world that shows governments have been studying them furiously at the same time they are denying their existence," he said.

Man spots UFO

An unidentified flying object reportedly was spotted in Merced Tuesday, according to police records.

At 9:43 p.m., a man told the Merced Police Department of a "strange object, white with red and white flashing lights hovering in the air above."

An officer responded to the scene in the unit block of West 25th Street, but reported the object was gone on arrival.

The object reportedly left "space-bound," according to records.

Cohoes man insists he was abducted by aliens in '55

By DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

COHOES — Aliens Give Abductee Good Health, Bad Work Record! Cruel-To-Be-Kind Space Magi Implant Disease-Killing Licorice Stick! Jobless Victim Laments: 'They Ruined My Life, But Cured My Cold!'

Were life a supermarket tabloid, those headlines would sum up Richard Price's story.

When he was 8, aliens did take him aboard their ship. They did implant a substance — soft, like stale licorice — in his stomach, an implant that seemed to keep him healthy. They did spoil his employment prospects, messing up his mind so he couldn't hold a job.



Price

Really. A Florida insurance company took his story so seriously it agreed to pay off on a prank UFO abduction insurance policy. Price is getting \$10 million — a dollar a year for 10 million years.

UFO devotees and skeptics agree that Price probably believes his own story. UFO believers say they can't absolutely prove it, but they're willing to accept his tale. Skeptics say they don't have to prove anything — that Price proves he's a kook every time he opens his mouth.

Family, friends, psychiatrists — these were the first to disbelieve Price's tale. His parents warned him not to talk about it; he kept talking, so they stuck him in a mental hospital when he was 17, he says.

"I finally denied it all just to get out," says Price, of Cohoes, just north of Albany. "After that, I kind of kept it quiet."

Lately, Price, 43, has begun talking again about his alleged abduction on Sept. 23, 1955 — and people are starting to, well, almost believe him.

"We have no reason to disbelieve him," says UFO investigator Budd Hopkins, author of the 1987 bestseller "Intruders" about alien visitations. "I've seen nothing that would make me doubt that he's simply telling the truth."

Harmless crank?

Retired University of Kentucky

psychologist Robert Baker, who has written scholarly articles debunking UFO abduction claims, says Price is a harmless crank. People who make such claims are what psychologists once called "simple schizophrenics," Baker says. "They're not very bright, and they have to have some explanation for their inadequacies."

Like other UFO abduction claimants, Price says his involvement with aliens is an ongoing thing. Price says that while driving a cab, he saw two glowing beings in a house. After seeing them, he suffered a three-hour memory lapse during which aliens may have abducted him again, or at least stiffed him on cab fare.

Price also thinks he's being trailed by one of the MIBs — Men In Black. MIBs, Price says, are human automations with black clothes and glasses who try to intimidate UFO abductees into silence.

"I have never heard of a UFO case that cannot be explained in prosaic or earthly terms," says Philip J. Klass, whose book "UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game" has become something of a bible for UFO skeptics.

If anyone can prove otherwise, he will refund the full purchase price of all his books, Klass says. He's also offered \$10,000 for proof of an alien abduction. Confirmation by the FBI will satisfy him, Klass says.

Instead of aliens doing the kidnapping, "I could sooner believe that they are ghosts or poltergeists or some of Santa Claus' mischievous elves," Klass says.

Troubled man

Skeptics and believers admit Price is a troubled man. Price says "UFO stress" has kept him from holding a job for more than a decade. The incident has hurt his marriage, he says, and his UFO claim embarrasses his wife and three sons.

Price says he wants to see the aliens again and ask "What did you do this for, why did you screw up my life?" If they're that advanced, it seems like they would try to do something to help the person they're abducting.

The villains are not aliens but people such as Hopkins, who perpetuate "this type of stupidity and nonsense," Baker says. "Through their naivete and lack of understanding of human psychology, they have ballooned this thing into a national headache."

Abduction stories appear through-

out history, tailored to the whimsies of the times, Baker says. In the Middle Ages, people claimed flying dragons swooped down and abducted them. Later, fairies and trolls did the kidnapping.

In the late 1800s, stories appeared of aliens in spaceships like the early dirigibles. In the 1940s, spaceships were transformed into the flying saucers popularized by science fiction pulp magazines, Baker says.

That's the kind of craft Price describes. While playing in a cemetery by his home in Troy, Price claims, two helmeted aliens in red and blue uniforms took him aboard their ship. He says he couldn't resist, as if his will had been sapped. The aliens, with pinkish-gray skin and about 4 to 5 feet tall, showed him a movie then had him undress so they could examine him.

They inserted the implant — a 4-millimeter-long chunk of dark material — and told him to leave it alone or he would die. It lay visible just below the skin until 1989, when it broke through and popped out, he says.

Until then, Price says, he had been healthy and thinks the implant may have had something to do with it. Since the implant came out, he says he has suffered persistent colds.

Investigators intrigued

The implant has intrigued UFO investigators. A Massachusetts Institute of Technology physicist has run tests on the substance but says he has not yet identified it.

"I don't know if it's animal, vegetable or mineral," says the physicist, who asked that his name be withheld.

While Price "is a little bit of a crackpot," the physicist says he hopes the implant will prove to be genuine. "Finding other intelligent life in the universe would be completing the Copernican revolution," he says.

Implants are common in abductees' stories, though Price's is among the first UFO investigators have been able to study. UFO researchers theorize implants may be like radio tags humans use to track wildlife.

Price's story is one of at least 1,000 reported cases of people who claim aliens took them aboard their spaceships.

One of Price's fellow travelers is Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze, Fla., a

building contractor who thinks aliens took him on a joyride in 1988.

Walters says he was photographing UFOs when he suffered a 90-minute memory lapse. Under hypnosis, he recalled being taken aboard a spaceship.

"It's kind of good I didn't have any conscious recall," Walters says. "If I could remember all that stuff, I'm sure it would be very disturbing."

Abductees are not publicity seekers, investigators say. Of 300 abductees Hopkins has studied, only nine have allowed their names to be used, he says.

Price does seek publicity, hoping it will vindicate him. He's writing a book.

He says he doesn't feel as if he's cashing in; he figures the aliens owe him.

Lately, he's gotten some dubious national attention. He appeared on the TV tabloid show "Hard Copy" and Joan Rivers' talk show.

Not all UFO reports can be explained

■ BURNS, Ore.

A rash of reports of unidentified flying objects in Harney County may have been triggered by a bright star over southeastern Oregon. But authorities say they have heard other tales of UFOs recently that aren't so easy to explain.

Donna Clark, publisher of the Burns Times-Herald, said about 10 residents reported a strange aerial object giving off blue and red rays hovering directly over the town about 10 p.m. Sunday.

"And then it just disappeared," Clark said.

A Nampa, Idaho, motorist told the newspaper that a UFO buzzed his car the evening of March 27 on U.S. 20 about eight miles west of Burns.

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Coal executive unsure of sight in night sky

By Norm Heikens

Of The Southern Illinoisan

Before telling his story, Lou Lincoln wants it understood that he's not crackpot. As the chairman and chief executive officer of Freeman United Coal Mining Co., Lincoln isn't given to fun and games — or pranks.

But the rural Carbondale man claims he and his family saw something Thursday night that has them stumped.

Lincoln had just switched off Johnny Carson and dozed off to sleep when his 24-year-old daughter, Kelcy Roan, burst through the door of their home and proclaimed that she had seen some weird lights.

"We rushed out onto the driveway in our pajamas," he said. "It was cold."

When he saw the lights, he was convinced they were too bright to be stars.

"All I can say is that I've never seen anything like it before," he said. "They were shining almost like reflected light, and they looked to be moving at a very high rate of speed."

"I still seek a logical solution," Kelcy, who emphasized she does

not claim to have seen a UFO, said she was returning home from Carbondale when she turned onto Giant City Road east of Carbondale from Illinois 13.

She pulled off when she saw a pyramid of lights looming over her parents' house. About 15 to 20 other cars also were pulled off, and several people had gotten out to watch, Roan said.

Each side of the pyramid had two white lights, and the pyramid was headed her way. And there was no sound.

By the time she arrived home and the family tumbled out onto the driveway, the lights had moved high, and still were eerily silent.

"They were all going in a row from south to north, then they turned sharply and went east to west," she said.

Lincoln noticed that the lights were aligned white, red, white, a pattern that was repeated three times.

Lincoln noted that there was a full moon, and wondered if the lights were a reflection of the moon off Air Force planes on night maneuvers.

Neither Carbondale police nor the Jackson County Sheriff's Office fielded reports of similar sightings,

Earthlings, others gather at World UFO Convention

BY JOHN PACENTI
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Omneec Onec, who landed here from Chicago, says life on her native planet, Venus, isn't all that different from life on Earth.

"It's like the desert areas here. It's amazing how adaptable the human species is," said Onec, one of 30 speakers at The World UFO Convention that landed here this month.

The conference drew about 400 people to a Tucson hotel and included speakers from 14 countries — and, uh, elsewhere — plus exhibits and copious amounts of literature for sale.

"Elvis: The UFO Connection" and "Why They Need Us, We Don't Need Them" were among available books, along with "Beamship Trainee" bumper stickers, "UFOs are Real" baseball caps and UFO yo-yos.

The mastermind of the extravaganza held May 3-7 was Wendelle C. Stevens, a 68-year-old retiree from Tucson who plunked down much of the \$61,000 conference budget.

"We tried to introduce an exotic phenomena at an acceptable level," Stevens said, defending the credibility of all the speakers.

Many of those who showed up swapped UFO experiences.

On the conference's second day, a woman burst into the hall claiming to have videotaped a mysterious object in the sky outside the hotel.

For some, the conference was a way to satisfy a growing curiosity.

Tim Petro of San Francisco said he had attended several UFO lectures in the Bay area and had concluded "this is too far out for me." Some of the events at the Tucson gathering "raised sufficient doubt in my mind," he said.

Exhibits included samples of Moldavite — billed as a "gem that fell to Earth" — pyramid power and a demonstration intended to show how gravity is a push, not a pull.

Mother-daughter team Dorothy Braatelen and Maxine Moffett displayed photos taken above Mount Graham, south of Safford, showing what they said were regular visits by UFOs.

"This one here some say is a bird," Braatelen said, pointing to a photo, "but when you blow (the photo) up, it looks like Star Trek."

Lecture subjects included the appearance of mysterious crop circles in England, underground UFO bases in the United States, cow abductions in Missouri and the kidnapp-

ing of witness Paula Watson of Mount Vernon, Mo.

Watson described how she was canning in her basement about seven years ago when she noticed a silvery alien with large eyes staring at her through a window after she witnessed a cow abduction by aliens earlier in the day.

Watson said she called out to the alien, who backed off, but she went to sleep and awoke on a spaceship.

"I was standing up on a white table and the ... alien was running his hands down my body, scanning my body," she said.

The speakers were a "Who's Who" in extraterrestrial phenomena, coming from Japan, the Soviet Union, Italy, Canada, Latin America and other countries, Stevens said.

Enrique Castillo-Rincon of Venezuela told the conference how he was abducted by German-looking aliens from the planet Shi-el-lho in the Pleiades star cluster.

"I'm thinking Hollywood," Castillo-Rincon said before his lecture. "I'm going to meet with two to three producers and maybe Shirley MacLaine."

Tired by exhibits and lectures, participants could relax at a bar with a Martian martini or mingle with participants claiming unearthly ties.

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'Christmas UFO' Reported Seen In Richmond County

North Carolina's "Christmas UFO" was seen in Richmond County as well as in Randolph County, a Rockingham woman told The Daily Journal.

"It has to have been the same thing they showed on television," the woman, who declined to be identified, said. "It looked just the same, except that it was higher in the sky."

Several Randolph Countians saw an Unidentified Flying Object about 5:30 p.m. on Christmas day; and one, Steve Harrell, videotaped it.

George Fawcette, director of the N.C. unit of the Mutual UFO Network, told the Associated Press that the sighting "fits the pattern of a large number of UFO sightings in North Carolina — large objects seen at low altitude ... multiple lights."

The Richmond County woman said she and her husband saw the UFO about 6 p.m. Christmas day from the yard of their home near Roberdel.

"It was big, appeared to be round, and had a number of orange lights," she said. "It was really far away for me to tell how many lights it had or what kind of pattern they were in. It didn't make any sound."

"We called my mother and asked her to go outdoors and look at it — but by the time she got outside, it had disappeared," the woman reported.

"One moment, it was visible — the next, it was gone."

—Clark Cox

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By KATHY JOHNSON
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Do the mountains of West Virginia and Virginia hold an attraction for strange creatures and UFOs?

Looking into the history of the two Virginias, there have been various news reports which attracted national attention on several occasions involving the sightings of strange monsters — including the Mothman of Point Pleasant and the Braxton County Monster.

And UFO sightings continue to this day on a quite regular basis in the town of Wytheville, Va., according to UFO investigation authorities and a radio news announcer in the town.

While UFOs seem to be among the most common unusual sightings in the past and present, there have also been a number of sightings of strange creatures that seem to be half-man and half some other creature.

The Mothman of Point Pleasant

Although Big Foot is one of these strange creatures that has been sighted over the years internationally, one of West Virginia's particular kins to man was sighted at Point Pleasant in the early 1960s and into the mid-70s.

It was dubbed by area folks and investigators as... the Mothman.

Mothman was first seen by a woman who was driving in her car through Point Pleasant in 1960 or 61, according to documented stories in the book "Creatures from Elsewhere," edited by Peter Brooksmith.

The woman and her passenger chose not to reveal their names for fear of being ridiculed. But after subsequent sightings others chose to step forward.

The Mothman was first sighted standing on the highway just in front of the woman's car. A large, fuzzy, seven-foot-tall creature with wings, suddenly swooped straight upward and disappeared.

The creature was described as having no actually definable head — it had luminous and almost hypnotizing red eyes, no arms and an expanse of wings that covered the entire roadway.

The creature was later seen by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scarberry and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mallette who had taken a drive near the TNT area — the site of an abandoned wartime explosives factory — late at night. The couples reported that the creature started to walk toward the door of the abandoned generator plant which was "ajar and hanging off its hinges."

When the group began to drive away, the creature actually turned and flew after them.

The couples said it kept up with them for a good while even as they rode in excess of 100 miles per hour. And as it followed them it is reported to have squeaked "like a big mouse."

The two couples drove directly to Mason County courthouse to report the incident and deputy Millard Halstead, who had known the four all of their lives, took them quite seriously and followed them back to the site.

Along the way, the couples noticed that a dead dog which was lying on the side of the road minutes earlier had somehow vanished.

Following that report, more and more witnesses came forward relating the very same sightings in the TNT area up through 1966. For some time, people came in droves to the TNT area armed with shotguns hoping to shoot the creature.

Writer John Keel went to the Point Pleasant area to investigate and wrote a book on the Mothman entitled "The Mothman Prophecies" but no actual explanation was ever found for the creature.

In his book, Keel compiled a list of more 30 people who had reported seeing monsters or UFOs in the Point Pleasant area between 1960 and 1967 as well as 20 sightings in other areas.

The Braxton County monster

The earliest monster seen in West Virginia, and known to attract national attention was the Braxton County Monster, which was also known through the years as The Flatwoods Green Man, Visitor from Outer Space and Jolly Green Giant.

The monster was sighted for the first and only time at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 12, 1952. But its legend lived on attracting tourists to the area for more than 14 years afterward.

A summary of the history of that monster was reviewed in a March 1966 issue of the Charleston Gazette under the title "The Phantom of Flatwood."

In the article, the writer interviewed those who said they had seen the creature and other townspeople, who said they still had people coming through town asking to see the area where the creature, or vessel was sighted.

The article related that the Braxton County Monster was first seen by a group of youngsters around the age of 12, who were playing in a grassy stretch of land near their house in the town of Flatwood.

The children — Eddie and Freddie May, Ronny Shaver, Tommy Hyer, Gene Lemons and Niel Nanley — saw something fly over a hill and, thinking it might be a flying saucer, ran up on the hill for a better view.

There they saw a green glowing thing hanging in the air. One of the boys ran to get his mother, Dorothy Gay Lemon, the only adult who had occasion to witness this sight.

"There was a penetrating smell and a sizzling sound like something frying," Lemon told reporters. She said the green glowing thing spun around

From the Mothman and Braxton County Monster in West Virginia, to the numerous UFO sightings in Virginia, the twin states have a rich history of strange happenings. Who reported these incidents, and what really happened?

splattering oil on all of them. Later, something floated off from the apparent ship.

Lemon and the boys described it as about 12 feet tall, green, glowing and floating a few inches off the ground. The thing was said to have a head shaped like the ace of spades and a face that was fire red.

While sounding somewhat unbelievable, the town sheriff and other investigators felt the story was not contrived because all of the witnesses described the same experience identically when questioned alone and together, no matter how detailed the questions.

A man in another area of town had called the sheriff's department that same evening at about the same time to report what appeared to be a plane crashing into the side of a hill.

The sheriff investigated but found no crash sight.

These sightings drew national media attention at the time, bringing a number of investigators and writers to the area, including Gray Barker from Fate Magazine, a journal of stories on strange but true happenings. Barker consequently wrote an entire book on UFOs including the subject of the monster.

Another writer of note who investigated the incident was Ivan Sanderson, a New York City scientist and investigator of strange things who concluded that the witnesses stories were indeed true, but never found the cause.

Lemon said the government had contacted her later saying they had been testing a new top secret flight vehicle in the area at that time. She said she presumed that this was the explanation for the sighting.

Another note of interest, Bluefield Daily Telegraph articles from Sept. 13 of 1952, reported that there were 18 UFO sightings reported in the Bluefield area on the night of Sept. 12 at around 7 p.m. — the same night that the strange flying object was sighted in Braxton County. However, most officials agreed that these sightings above East River Mountain were probably just meteor showers.

UFO sightings in Wytheville, Va.

Before moving into further accounts of UFO sightings it should be noted that the acronym UFO merely stands for Unidentified Flying Object, and does not necessarily carry the implication that an object seen must have been an alien spaceship.

The most notable accounts of UFO sightings in our area, were in Wytheville just a few years ago in 1987.

Danny Gordon, News and Sports Director for WYVE Radio, almost singlehandedly brought the phenomenon to national attention when he himself

had several UFO sightings after hearing from a great number of others who reported sightings.

Gordon contacted authorities from MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, the Pentagon and local air force bases.

"The Pentagon denied it was them," he said. "They said the UFOs do exist but they pose no threat."

Gordon said he and others have seen everything from flying saucers to a "humongous mother ship about two football fields in length."

He said some of the sightings have been at night and some during the day, noting that several of the planes resembled a Stealth Bomber.

Gordon said he had a friend who had been a military pilot who also thought the sightings were unusual.

He said low-level flights from Langley Air Force Base are common in the area, but his sightings did not match their flight times. In fact, the only time a sighting matched an Air Force flight time was when military planes were seen chasing what appeared to be spheres and balls of light in the sky.

Gordon said there were also a number of strange disappearances of animals during that time, including cows and horses, which were written off as thefts.

Also, on several occasions some animals ended up dead in a field with surgical-type incisions in their stomachs, and with some organs missing. The police and animal control officers said they thought coyotes were responsible. But on animals "so large?" Gordon remarked in an interview with UFO Magazine in 1990.

That was at the point where Gordon was discontinuing publication of the "Southwest Virginia Newsletter," in which he had kept Wytheville residents updated on the latest UFO activities.

Gordon and Paul Dellenger, a writer for the Roanoke Times Wytheville Bureau, joined forces in writing a book about the UFO sightings called "Don't Look Up."

Gordon spoke about the UFOs all over the United States and said he still does. But at one point he found it necessary to give up his UFO crusade because of the tremendous amount of publicity it had evoked. It had come to the point where negatives of UFO pictures were stolen and his phone line developed a strange humming sound whenever he spoke of UFOs to others on the phone.

He also received threatening calls warning him to "leave the story alone, that it involved national security." There was also a mysterious shooting incident in which Gordon's 19-year-old son was blinded for life.

Although Gordon has semi-retired from the UFO investigations he said he and Dellenger are working on another book, and reports on UFO sightings

'Bizarre things' happening: Miller

By CATHY WOGAN
Staff Writer

Clenching her hands tightly, Gail Miller rested them on a table top in the Schaffler Hall classroom.

Her voice quivered with nervousness as she began to speak. But, soon it was replaced by confidence as she described in detail her close encounters with extraterrestrials to the winter term class on UFOs at Defiance College.

"Bizarre things" have been happening to Miller and her family at their home in Irish Hills, Mich. ... incidents which have convinced them they are having encounters with "ETs", and taking part in scientific studies.

When the incidents began to crop up in July 1989, both she



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Gail Miller (right) talks with Dr. Sharon Moss

Eyewitness accounts

Even in the Bluefield area there are people who have noticed the strange objects sailing through the skies upon occasion.

One anonymous viewer living in Bluefield, Va. said she and her husband had recurrent sightings several years ago of an object with red, green and white lights that moved slowly across the sky stopping and turning occasionally and moving at right angles in various directions - behavior totally unlike an airplane.

"We saw it for months at a time for about a year," she said. "We tried looking at it through binoculars but couldn't see it well enough to tell what it was."

Another area resident and local art teacher, Jill Pritchett, said she has seen UFOs on several occasions but not in the Bluefield area.

"My primo sighting was when I was driving past Goldengate Park San Francisco and I saw something and it went 'Vuuump' and disappeared. The color was almost a fluorescent greenish color. It was big and it kind of made an S curve and disappeared," she said.

Pritchett said her second sighting was while on an airplane traveling from Bluefield to San Francisco.

She said she saw a light traveling parallel to the plane which looked like that of another plane. She happened to be listening to the pilot's radio monitor at the time and heard one of them say "What's that." The other said "I don't know, better call NORAD (North American Air Defense Command)."

Pritchett said when she asked the stewardess to question the pilots about it, the stewardess returned with the answer that they were only kidding.

Scientific investigation

In spite of the tongue-in-cheek attitude displayed by many on the UFO situations, there are a number of intelligent scientific professionals who spend their careers investigating the phenomena.

MUFON, The Mutual UFO Network, Inc., founded in 1969, is a national network of researchers dedicated to the investigation of UFOs. The network has field investigators in most states who are assigned to check out reports of unusual sightings.

Walt Andrus of the Mutual UFO Network said NORAD is responsible for tracking space debris such as shells of rockets and satellite boosters which make their way into the atmosphere. He said the debris can orbit the earth for years before entering the atmosphere and usually burns up like a meteorite once it does.

Andrus said NORAD works in cooperation with MUFON, by letting them know of any unusual sightings which are not identified as space debris.

Mark Blashak, Virginia field reporter for MUFON, said the primary areas of UFO sightings in Virginia are in Wytheville and in the Chesapeake Bay area near Norfolk and Portsmouth.

He said there have been sightings of entities as well as UFOs, most of whom are described as being short in stature with wrinkled faces and no apparent neck. He said he has received reports of such things from some very reliable witnesses such as school teachers and state patrolmen.

The ships themselves are often described either triangular or shaped like a baseball diamond and maybe 50 feet in length.

"First we thought it was the Navy A12 which is supposed to be similarly shaped but then we found that that program was canceled because the craft wouldn't fly," Blashak said. "In almost all sightings it appears as a bright light, then swoops down and appears at close range, then swoops up and disappears," he said of the UFO."

Blashak said he has had recent reports of such sightings from a couple in Roanoke and one towards Lynchburg. He said he has been informed of about ten sightings this year to date, but that does not include those who don't want to go through the many channels necessary to contact him.

Blashak said people usually first call a local sheriff's or police department where they are referred to the national MUFON number and must go through several channels before finally receiving his number.

He said this helps cut down on the number of hoaxes because one must be quite serious to have the desire to go through all channels. Unfortunately it also deters some who are serious.

MUFON has a large network of computers which are used to compare sightings, their times, dates and similarities in description. The network might be most noted for efforts it has made in uncovering an alleged flying saucer crash in Roswell, New Mexico.

According to reports by MUFA, "a report released by a scientific research organization supports the authenticity of top secret documents which outline the recovery and analysis of the wreckage of an unidentified flying object and four alien bodies in New Mexico by the U.S. government 43 years ago."

Since then two or more books have been released on the subject, one entitled "The Roswell Incident" and the other "Saucer Crash at Roswell."

and her husband questioned her sanity.

"I went through an awful time at first," she said. "I went through testing to see if I had a mental problems."

"At that time, if a psychologist had told me that I was going crazy, I probably would have said, 'Thank you.'"

But that was not the case. Rather, psychologists said she was in sound mental health.

Sharon Moss, a psychologist who treated Miller with hypnosis and became a friend, accompanied her to the classroom. She explained that she has several patients who claim to have had encounters, and their experiences are similar.

"It's very, very real to them," she said.

"All are pretty sensitive, nice people, normal and usually bright. They are giving people, not at all superficial."

Moss' work with Miller has been exceptional, because she has the more complete and conscious memories. In addition, she has more frequent visitations. Moss is convinced Miller is sane.

Strange things began happening at Miller's home, and then one day she noticed an object from her backyard, which was cigar shaped or "school bus" shaped. Something told her she "would be riding in it soon." Within two days, she did.

She recalls lying on a table in a round room, similar to a doctor's examining room. She was being observed by a little grey man with big, black eyes.

The next day when she told her husband about the incident, his response was, "You're sick Gail." They burst into laughter at the pun,

but the edginess remained.

Under hypnosis and consciously

she recalls seeing grey ETs who appear to be medical and tan ones which seem to be spiritual. On a couple of occasions, she has seen what appears to be a human, resembling Jesus.

One night when her husband, Ken, was still doubting her, Miller said a "large, spirit-like shadow" sat down in the room with him. When her husband moved, to see if it was his own shadow, he discovered that it was not.

"It was as if it were saying, 'Yes, Ken, we are here.'"

"We sat down separately and drew the same thing."

After that incident, she said he and their children began having experiences. Her husband said he was in the round examining room, being observed by the ETs.

Miller's fears dissipated when her husband became involved, she then knew she was not crazy.

"I'm just like you, only our lives have been turned upside down," she said to the students.

Now when she looks back on her life, Miller recalls an incident when she was 7 and nearly drowned. At that time a man's voice led her to the surface. She also recalls nightmares about floating, a wall of steel and baby shoes. Each time she had these strange "nightmares", she would have severe headaches the following day. Now, she believes they are linked to the encounters, but she was not ready to recall it at the time.

Two or three days after she first awoke to find herself in the examining room, an ET conveyed to her through thoughts that "You are an experiment." It further conveyed that she was a product of a genetic experiment in which an egg from her natural mother and a sperm from a person in the military at the

nation's Pentagon were combined.

"Then I got scared," she said.

Instinctively, Miller's mother knew something was wrong with her daughter, and prompted her to talk. Despite Miller's fears, she discussed the issue with her mother.

"She had a hard time dealing with it at first," Miller said. "She was seeing our priest."

But her mother recalled some strange incidents which had taken place in her life, and she became more accepting of the possibility.

The man who reared Miller as his daughter, laughs about the incident. He views it as a living comedy. But Miller said he was cured of a medical problem, which she attributes to the ETs.

Miller further stated that the ETs have given her a healing power which comes from her hands. She said she has used her hands to help heal 300 to 400 different cancer victims, she also uses it to relieve carpal tunnel and in one case she watched a bald man grow hair.

"I'm not using this energy for my own benefit," she said, explaining that she does not charge for the healing. Rather, she believes it is a gift she has been given to share with others. However, she said there have been so many contacting her, that she now limits the number of people she sees.

Despite drastic changes in her life, Miller no longer fears the experiences.

"I love the ETs," she said. "I was more afraid to come into this classroom than I am of being with them."

"There is only one God for the universe. They are like us spirit wise, only their shell is different."

"They are trying to turn us around. They say we are self destructive. They think we are like children playing with dangerous toys."

Scientists prefer to 'stay with the facts'

By CATHY WOGAN
Staff Writer

"I prefer to stay with the facts," said Jennie Zeidman when she and John Timmerman appeared at Defiance College recently to discuss Unidentified Flying Objects.

Both Zeidman and Timmerman have devoted most of their lives to collecting information for UFO studies. They determine, through scientific studies, if the incidents

contain validity.

Drawn into the world of UFOs by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who was responsible for Project Blue Book, they have continued their work, even after his death.

Standing before both the winter term UFO class and visitors interested in the topic, Timmerman asked, "How many of you have seen a UFO?"

When some members of the group were reluctant to respond, Timmerman wiped away their fears.

"There are around 100 witnesses who have first-hand knowledge of the incident," Timmerman said, explaining that several claim to have seen the bodies of aliens.

However, incidents rarely involve more than one person. But, the more people involved, the more information they are able to obtain and the more objective their reports.

"We are looking for technicalities, anything we can measure," Zeidman said.

"You must collect the facts, all of the facts ... not just the ones to please and support your theories. We have to devise experiments."

She admitted that some researchers distort the facts.

"Research that is haphazard, dishonest or provides manipulated data is not scientific, it is fraud."

"Until it is identified, it is a UFO," he said. "We are trying to be objective."

Timmerman and Zeidman have run across a few cases where the facts were overwhelmingly in favor of the eye-witness accounts.

One such incident occurred near Mansfield in 1973, when a U.S. Army Reserve helicopter allegedly encountered a UFO.

"This case is still under investigation."

The two scientist said many people have seen UFOs, but a few claim they have had encounters of the third kind with aliens. It is Zeidman and Timmerman's job to prove the UFO experience as plausible. From there, they must determine the type of UFO, and then present the facts to others so they can make their own determination.

"Working with this subject you need some comic relief," said Zeidman, as she referred to aliens as critters.

"As much as it appears to be absurd, the evidence is gaining on us."



ANYBODY OUT THERE?

SOMETHING IN THE AIR

BILL MURPHY talks to ufologist Timothy Good about corn circles, government cover-ups and little green men

Do you believe in UFOs? If so, you're not alone. According to author and UFO investigator Timothy Good there have been thousands of UFO reports all over the world in the past year.

"We live in exciting times," he says. "So many sightings have been reported during 1989 and the first half of 1990 that it's difficult to keep track - and harder still to come to terms with the nature and purpose of these intrusions."

"Examine the information that has been made available by the governments of the world," says Good, in response to the cackles of disbelievers. "Most people who are sceptical of UFOs are simply ignorant of the evidence. The facts are just astonishing."

Perhaps, but when it comes to credibility, the general public usually ranks reports about flying saucers just behind fairy-tales and politicians' promises. This isn't helped by *World War Two Bomber Found On Moon* and *Alien Stole My Pint*-type headlines, as found in the more excitable tabloids.

"I think it's a disaster in this country," says Good, referring to tabloid coverage of UFO sightings. "Because the tabloids grab the subject and make a laughing stock of it, the sensible papers are afraid to cover it."

Some of the claims that Good compiles in his latest book, *The UFO Report 1991*, are so astonishing that even the most open-minded reader may find himself sceptical.

This is helped by the fact that Good has taken as much of his source material some somewhat biased and obscure publications: UFO journals,

small town US papers and London tabloids are given as the sources for many reports.

So are several publications and agencies from behind the Iron Curtain which are not exactly renowned for objective pursuit of truth, including Soviet Youth and the news agency TASS.

To be fair, there are some exceptions: *The Financial Times*, *The Independent*, and *The Times* have all done recent articles on UFO phenomena, occasionally outside the annual summer silly season.

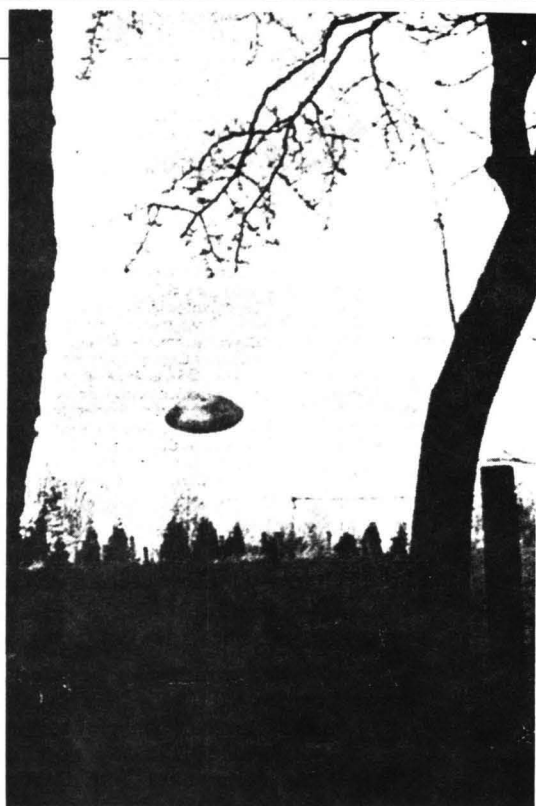
For the most part though, Good admits, the "quality" press doesn't believe in UFOs.

The *UFO Report 1991* claims there are some very interesting reasons for peoples' disbelief. It alleges that several governments have been involved in covering-up sightings and encounters, and in shrouding the whole subject with an air of preposterousness.

Among the highlights Good's international team of investigators have "uncovered" are new revelations about Britain's cornfield circles, the "abduction" of US Navy jets in Puerto Rico, cases of injuries to humans said to have been caused by UFOs and the account of two Chinese army soldiers who were chased by a UFO.

The principal field research officer of the recently formed Centre for Crop Circle Studies, George Wingfield, writes about the Cropfield Circles phenomena, in which mysterious shapes and patterns have been appearing in cornfields and pastures throughout Britain.

Dismissed by many as an elaborate hoax, Wingfield claims that on at least one occasion the British army actually



GENUINE OR FAKE: A photo taken by Peter Woolaway at Bartley Green Reservoir, Birmingham, in February 1990

produced fake circles in an attempt to discredit all of them.

Good includes other reports of cover-ups, including an incident in Puerto Rico where it is claimed a UFO "swallowed" two US Navy fighter jets. According to Jorge Martin, editor of *Enigma* magazine, from whose work the report is taken, "there are obvious contradictions in the statements given to us by these authorities (US Navy, Federal Aviation Administration) leading to our conviction that someone wants to cover-up this important incident."

At the same time, the press and national governments are beginning to open up to the possibility that we're being visited by ETs. On October 5 1990 *The Wall Street Journal* reported on a series of sightings in Belgium. The Belgian Society for the Study of Space Phenomena (Sobeps), it said, had joined the air force in an attempt to investigate reports of "a triangular object with three vast lights hovering in the night sky over Wallonia."

Why was the air force so willing to assist? Professor Brenig, a scientist and UFO researcher involved in the project, has an idea: "They have been forced to play our game," he says. "We kept on asking them if (the sightings were) a top-secret military project and, if so, why they were testing it over densely populated areas. They had to deny it and help to prove that it had nothing to do with them."

"Our approach is that it's our job to see what's going on," responded Col. Wilfried de Brouwer, the project co-ordinator. And what about the public's perception of those who believe in UFOs? "I have no problem with that. I'm doing my duty."

But why the sudden UFO glasnost? "I think these sightings have occurred on such a massive scale now that it's getting increasingly harder to suppress it," claims Good. "Some of the reports have been very highly classified, and I think with good reason. But I have reason to believe that there is a plan on the part of the United States govern-

ment to gradually release some of this material to the public."

If Good's claims are accurate, the US would become the most important nation to publicly express openness about the possibility of extraterrestrial guests. But it certainly wouldn't be the first.

Besides the Belgians, Good claims, Hungary has reported that its air force pilots have been followed on training missions by a "strange, spherical, orange-coloured" object which did not show up on radar. Hungarian soldiers have reported a number of unexplained sightings, including "ten-foot-tall figures" in the woods near an army barracks.

Perhaps most surprisingly, the Soviet Air Defence Command confirms that its jets have chased UFOs nearly 200-metres in diameter. As well, it reported that on March 21, 1990 more than 100 people reported seeing a UFO in the Moscow area.

Even so, many are likely to respond with scepticism. After all, couldn't these reports just as easily be disinformation - governments using a UFO story to cover-up other things, like military projects, that they don't want the general public to be aware of?

"Well, there's certainly nothing wrong with scepticism," says Good. "Scepticism is a healthy thing. But there's just so much evidence that you have to take a look."

"Scientists of all sorts are in agreement that the universe is far too vast for us to be here alone. There are definitely other beings out there."

"Where some might disagree with me is that they're here already."

Good also includes a copy of the "Operation Majestic 12" report, which, although its authenticity is debatable, outlines an investigation by the US government into a UFO crash site in New Mexico in 1947. There is considerable concern about some of the signatures appearing on the documents, including three that read "Harry Truman" - not the police chief in *Twins Peaks* one hastens to add, but allegedly the late US president. The report is claimed to be a briefing document for the then president-elect, describing an above-top secret operation to retrieve the wreckage of an alien space craft and the subsequent official cover-up.

According to some handwriting experts, at least two of the signatures are identical, which would indicate that at least one was fraudulent. But says UFO researcher Stanton Friedman, even if the report of the government investigation were a scam, there ought to be an government investigation into the origins of the report. For "there is no question that if the document is genuine, it is one of the most important US Government documents ever leaked to the public."

If the governments of the world really were involved in covering up UFO reports, what would their motivation be? "To avoid political embarrassment, for economic, religious reasons," says Good, "and because we're talking about something that could affect national security. And I think they should be, at least some of them, kept from the public. Imagine the disaster and panic that could ensue if they suddenly announced there were new energy sources and such."

Like many ufologists, Good subscribes to the belief that a government - probably the US - has recovered a UFO intact.

"I have it on good authority that the US government has succeeded in recovering, intact, UFOs. And they have been involved in testing these craft."

That's some allegation, made even more suspect by the fact that Good is either unwilling, or unable, to disclose his sources.

"The only reason we know about these sorts of things is because people have broken security to expose them," he says. As more of these stories emerge, Good predicts both the public and the media will be forced to look at the issue more seriously. For now, though, it remains a disputed topic, considered genuine only by a dedicated minority.

"It remains a sad fact of life," comments the author, "that beliefs - whether of a political, scientific or religious nature - tend to divide rather than unite mankind."

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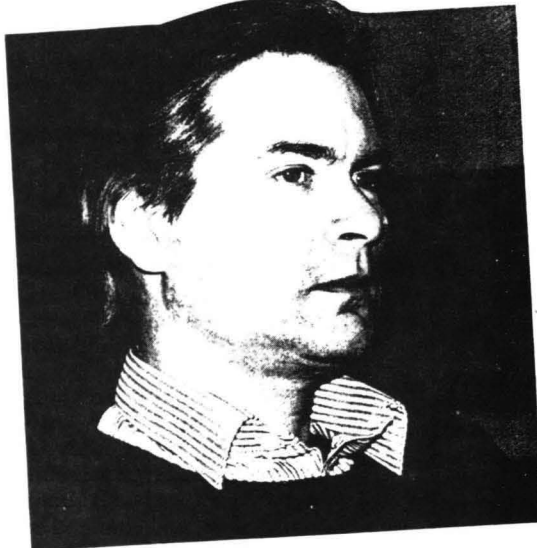


'Mystery Circle' Found in Tunnel

Sets of concentric rings, similar to those found last summer in British wheat fields, have been discovered in a Japanese subway tunnel.

Subway officials are keeping the site a secret to prevent throngs of curious people from converging on the subway. Many sets of concentric rings were found drawn in dust that accumulated on the ground and walls inside the tube. The metro version of the mystery circles are much smaller - up to 8 centimeters in diameter - than the British ones, the largest of which measures scores of meters.

"Plasma generated in the air is probably the cause in both cases," said Yoshihiko Otsuki, professor of physics at Waseda University, who found the subway rings. He is a renowned researcher of fireball phenomena often called "will-o'-the-wisp." Otsuki searched for the circles in the tunnel, saying subway tunnels create conditions similar to a plasma generator he uses for experiments.



TIMOTHY GOOD: "I have it on good authority that the US has recovered UFOs intact and have been testing them"

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BRITAIN

Pilot Sights 'Missile' Flying Toward Plane

The Civil Aviation Authority said it is investigating a report that a missile hurtled past an Alitalia airliner as it flew over southern England with 57 passengers. The pilot reported seeing a cylindrical object that he called a missile

traveling toward him about 1,000 feet above the aircraft. The London Air Traffic Control Center picked up the object on radar after it had passed the jet. No other aircraft was in the vicinity. The plane was flying over a military firing range when the incident occurred on April 21. But the Ministry of Defense said the anti-tank missiles used there could not have achieved the 22,000-foot altitude reported.

CHARIOTS OF FIRE

200 UFO sightings have been reported in the Haifa area over the past two years. Victor Perry looks at flying saucers and the Jewish question, and comes away doubting his own doubts

HADASSAH ARBEL is no ordinary person.

During the day she works as director of the Volunteer Unit of Haifa Municipality's Social Welfare Department. In her spare time she studies Jewish lore and such esoteric subjects as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). What's more, she finds a definite connection between the two.

Her extensive knowledge of UFOs brought her in contact with the Haifa police department, which she has assisted from time to time in gathering and recording evidence from a rash of UFO sightings in that city over the past two years. This included two "encounters of the second kind," in which the sighting is supposedly close enough to leave signs on the ground.

In her modest apartment on Mount Carmel, the trim, attractive 44-year-old Haifaite relates these dramatic events in a matter-of-fact and unembellished manner. Her demeanor hardly changes when she enters into the more mind-boggling, spiritual and distinctly Jewish aspects of the phenomenon.

It was not easy to get her to talk. "I decided not to give interviews to the press anymore," she told me on the phone. "They distort and sensationalize things out of proportion."

But she eventually agreed to talk to the *Post*.

THE FIRST sighting in Haifa, she says, occurred on September 23, 1987, the eve of Rosh Hashana. She says a young man standing on his

driving home along the coastal road when he suddenly saw what looked like a revolving ring of fire spewing white sparks from its bottom. It was some eight meters in diameter, he reported later, and hovered above the ground at a height of about 40 meters. The time was 10:20 p.m. The location was behind a gas station between the main highway and the sea. He did not see any other cars on the road at that moment.

According to Ahra'i, he stopped and got out of his car to take a closer look, and heard a sound like rushing wind. At the base of the apparition he noted what looked like a flashing light. Suddenly it disappeared, and he saw what looked like flashes of lightning in the distance. The UFO returned briefly and disappeared again.

Five days later he screwed up enough courage to return and examine the site. He went at 5 a.m. so no one would notice him. The ground was covered with a thin layer of vegetation, which seemed to have been scorched in an elongated, elliptical fashion. He picked up some strange-looking red-colored clumps of earth which crumbled in his hand and turned gray.

He informed Arbel, and two days later she went to the site with him. She noted the scorched outline, and took a closer look at it. She says it was the form of a flying saucer in profile. The outline included a cockpit for the pilot, with several apertures at its top. She says she noted also some 10 cone-shaped holes in the ground nearby. Small plants in the outlined area seemed to be scorched, but more by radiation than by fire. There were no cinders

findings to the police, since she was afraid they would view her and Ahra'i as "weird."

In the course of the next few days, she returned to the site and noted that the cone-shaped holes tended to fill up, and then later reshape themselves. She took samples of earth from them for laboratory examination. Tests showed them to have 671 times the magnetism of nearby earth samples, she says.

In the meantime, Ami Ahra'i began reporting various physical ailments he says came from holding samples of earth he had taken home with him. They included a burning sensation in the eyes, and digestive problems.

THE THIRD major incident, Arbel says, happened on the eve of Shavuot, May 22, 1988. Two women, aged 24 and 27, living on the French Carmel, reported seeing what seemed to be a giant searchlight in the sky. It quickly changed shape into what they described as a kind of octopus, then from an octopus to a banana. The time was 3 a.m. The police did not give much attention to their report.

They then informed Arbel, who noticed that the site was some 200 meters north of Ahra'i's sighting eight months before.

Arbel says the fourth sighting came 11 months later, during Pesach, on April 22, 1989. Again there were two witnesses. Again, the location was near Tel Shikmona on the coast, this time another 200 meters or so north of the previous sighting. A young couple were driving along the beach when they saw what looked like a large searchlight in the sky, Arbel says. It began falling noiselessly, and changed into a diagonal "pillar of fire," 20 meters high and six meters wide, which soon touched earth.

They got out of their car and walked toward it until they felt a sudden heat. They noted a white mound where the pillar of fire had descended. It soon disappeared, and the couple informed the police, who called Arbel. When she arrived the police were stirring the surviving embers on the white mound. A dis-

doused the fire with stones and soil.

The mound was near the water's edge, on a rock exposed by the low tide. Nearby was a puddle of water, she says, that bubbled but did not give off heat. Arbel collected samples of the white material on the mound, which crumbled in her hand, for laboratory examination. She says it comprised 91 percent magnesium (compared with 1-6 percent normal for the area). Other elements, in concentrations of 1-6 percent, were iron, copper, zinc and arsenic. The rest comprised small quantities of indium, molybdenum, thorium and krypton. It was an extremely rare combination, she says.

In all, Arbel says there have been 150 occurrences in the Haifa area over the past two years, and 200 sightings. A good number were sightings by more than one person, and included simultaneous sightings from different locations. In one of them, 10 soldiers in an army camp south of Haifa reported seeing the same UFO. The last report was in July of this year.

Since the Pentagon maintains its interest in the subject, and scores of reports on UFOs flow in from all over the world, Israel included, then there may well be something to it. This at least is the viewpoint at the Center for Unidentified Flying Objects (CUFOS), in Evanston, Illinois, which I visited recently.

I have long had serious doubts about UFOs, but these doubts had been shaken over the years. I first began to question my doubts in 1979, when I lived in Ofira (Sharm e-Sheikh). Danny Harari, head of the local government authority there, reported seeing a saucer-shaped object flying across the sky. "It was bright red with a sort of halo around it, and it flew with an undulating motion," he recalled.

At least four other people had been with him at the time, and also saw it. It was definitely not an aircraft, they said, nor was it like anything they had ever seen before.

SIMILAR OCCURRENCES continued to be reported in Israel. On the evening of August 6, 1985, a

called out to her neighbors to take a look at a strange source of light floating 200 meters above the ground to the north of her house. One of the neighbors, a former Israel Air Force Skyhawk pilot, examined the object from different angles, but could find no logical explanation for it. According to the newspaper report, other neighbors soon emerged, and drove up and down the street to observe the apparition from different angles. From one angle, it looked like a streak of

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[NOTE: While this article is incomplete, it does contain some very interesting material and, I feel, is well worth using. - LF]

light; from another, like a single spot of light.

The police were called a couple of hours after the first sighting. Eventually, four policemen arrived, including an officer who examined the object through his binoculars. Around midnight, he declared that the phenomenon was caused by a light on the ground reflected by a high television antenna. The neighbors looked for such a source, but could not find it.

About a month later, the meteorological station in Beit Dagan received several calls from Jaffa residents who said they had seen unidentified objects flying across the sea from Bat Yam towards Jaffa. From the roof of his building, the meteorologist observed that the object was moving slowly across the sky. He described it as a reddish-yellow light.

He called the police. One policeman reported seeing an orange-colored source of light moving from north to south, and later another moving in the opposite direction. By midnight, the first light source was reported flying low over the Holon intersection in the direction of Jerusalem. No conjecture was made this time as to the source of the phenomenon.

SO WHAT are they? I asked Sherman Larsen, head of CUFOS, when I visited him in his office, where 50,000 reports of UFO sightings from all over the world are filed away.

I had expected some esoteric conjectures, for instance: extra-terrestrial visitors; a psychic projection seen in another dimension; an un-

tated. "There is something out there," he said, "but we don't know what."

"What about Close Encounters of the Third Kind?" I asked.

"We only accept such reports when the UFO and the humanoid are seen together."

"What about physical evidence?"

"There have been reports about the concealment of remains of UFOs and humanoids by various government authorities, but we have never seen any."

Nevertheless, Larsen conjectured that such remains may very well exist. He pointed to the case of an alleged UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947, which was inspected and quickly hushed up by the U.S. Air Force. "Even Senator Barry Goldwater, a general in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, was not allowed to see what had been gathered and then hidden away at the Wright Patterson airbase in Ohio," Larsen noted.

"Why would the authorities want to suppress the truth?"

"Perhaps so as not to create a scare or hurt the sensibilities of religious people who believe that mankind was created in God's image. UFOs and extra-terrestrials could negate this belief."

There is a definite pattern to all the reports, Larsen notes, even when they derive from other countries and cultures. About 100,000 such reports exist among governments and research centers. His center contains the largest repository. "In the Library of Congress in Washington," he notes, "there are

or galaxy, perhaps in another physical dimension outside man experience."

HADASSAH ARBEL takes this interpretation one step further.

The closest UFO encounters in the Haifa area, she notes, all occurred on Jewish holidays: Rosh Hashana, Pessah and Shavuot. All these holidays are intimately connected with Jewish history and tradition.

Two of the observers told of a "pillar of fire." The Bible, of course, describes such a pillar as going before the camp during the wanderings of the Children of Israel in the desert. From the biblical description, Arbel concludes, the pillar had an "intelligence" of some sort. And what about the miracle of Sarah, she adds, who at age 90-plus conceived after three angels visited Abraham's tent. Since Sodom and Gomorrah perished in flames soon after, is it possible, Hadassah speculates, that the three visitors were extra-terrestrial, and used some form of radiation to accomplish these acts?

All the "encounters of a second kind" in Haifa, Hadassah Arbel points out, occurred in the vicinity of Elijah's cave on Mount Carmel. Elijah, she assumes, was an extra-terrestrial figure, who returned to his original abode (as he had come from it) in a chariot of fire, just as the Bible describes it. Moreover, Malachi, the last of the prophets, said in his final prophecy: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord." Is it possible, Arbel asks, that we are receiving a signal of some sort?

City and country of incident: Greifswald, Germany
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City and country of paper: [City Unknown], Germany

UFOs OVER THE BALTIC SEA

Bright White Plates in Flying Formation

by Ankemeyer-Hartmann

They suddenly appeared in the late evening between 8 and 11 PM: seven brilliant white circles, like a cluster of grapes. Before they disappeared, they gave a blinking signal. For a week there have been ghostly UFOs (seen) over the Eastlake (area, or Baltic Sea Coast). More than fifty people are certain of it and have been reporting to the police and the NVA (National Astronomical Society). A married couple from Greifswald videotaped it.

As Dr. Ludmilla Iwanowa (37) and her husband Nikolau (42), atomic physicist at the nuclear plant in Greifswald, were taking an evening stroll, the UFOs appeared above an eight-story apartment building. She snatched her new camera (KONICA videorecorder) and pressed the trigger. For fifteen minutes the space ship hovered twenty-five meters above the roof, she said, some twenty neighbors standing in front of their apartment building watching. One neighbor said: "It was weird! The thing was so brilliant we had to squint our eyes."

Other people who live along the coast had been watching these objects for the last four weeks. The UFOs hovered over Rostock and Usedom. Gerald Schaub, who was on vacation from Berlin, said that for three minutes they stood there and then they took off. Also, Franz Kleim of Greifswald saw them and took pictures of them. He said the objects looked like plates with a rounded dome on top.

Panic overcame Renate Grundmann (40) of Berlin. With fifteen other vacationers, she stood at a window in Solidarity Vacation Home in Rostock (watching). "The thing stood for a minute over the water. Then it blinked and disappeared."

Reflections of stars or a missile probe? Dr. Jorn Holz (51), Director of Department of Meteorology in Rostock said, "I never saw anything like it." Also, the radarscope at NVA (National Astronomical Society) did not detect it.

Ufos über der Ostsee

Leuchtend weiße Teller im Formationsflug

Von ANKEMEYER-HARTMANN
Rostock - Plötzlich tauchten sie am Abendhimmel auf, immer zwischen 20 und 25 Uhr: sieben weiß leuchtende Kreise, angeordnet wie eine Traube. Bevor sie verschwanden, gaben sie Blinksignale. Seit Wochen geistern Ufos („unbekannte Flugobjekte“) über der Ostseeküste. Davon sind mehr als 50 Passanten überzeugt, die aufgeregt bei Polizei und NVA anriefen. Ein Greifswalder Ehepaar hat sie sogar auf Video aufgenommen.

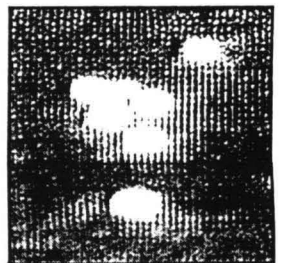
Als Ärztin Ludmilla Iwanowa (37) mit ihrem Mann Nikolaj (42), Atomphysiker am Kernkraftwerk Greifswald, abends spazieren ging, tauchten die „Ufos“ über den achtstöckigen Wohnhäusern auf. Sofort rief sie ihre neue Kamera hoch, drückte auf den Auslöser. „15 Minuten lang schwebten die Raumschiffe 25 m über den Dächern“, sagt sie, „etwa 20 Nachbarn standen vor unserem Wohnblock, haben alles mitangesehen.“ Eine Nachbarin: „Es war unheimlich. Die Dinge leuchteten so

stark, wir mußten die Augen zusammenkniffen.“

Andere Küstenbewohner haben schon seit vier Wochen dieselben Beobachtungen gemacht. Die „Ufos“ schwebten schon über Rostock und Usedom. Gerald Schaub, Urlauber aus Berlin: „Drei Minuten standen sie da, bewegten sich dann schnell vorwärts.“ Auch Franz Kleim aus Greifswald hat sie gesehen und sogar fotografiert: „Die Schiffe sahen aus wie Teller, hatten oben ein kegelförmiges Gebilde.“

Panik bekam Renate Grundmann (40) aus Berlin. Mit 15 anderen Urlaubern stand sie am Fenster des „Ferienheims Solidarität“ bei Rostock: „Das Ding stand eine Minute lang über dem Wasser. Dann blinkte es auf und verschwand.“

Reflexionen von Sternen oder Messonden? Dr. Jörn Holz (51), Leiter des Amtes für Meteorologie Rostock: „Da gab es nichts dergleichen.“ Auch auf den Radarschirmen der NVA tauchten sie nicht auf.



Sieben leuchtende „Ufos“ schwebten über Greifswald, immer in derselben Formation (oben). Ludmilla Iwanowa (unten) hat sie aufgenommen. Fotos: Tepper

[Photo Caption] The seven lighted UFOs hovering over Greifswald, always in the same formation (above). Ludmilla Iwanowa (below) had videotaped them.

CR: J. Timmerman



STRANGER THAN FICTION

A face at the window

IT WAS just after midnight on a cold spring night that, if sworn legal affidavits are to be believed, a 7ft giant in a silver suit peered through the window of a lonely Welsh cottage, as the occupants cowered in bewilderment and fear.

A luminous glow hung around the figure. A box-shaped helmet framed the face, but no features were visible ... just a dark and sinister rectangle.

"It just stood looking in," the occupants, farmworker Billy Coombs and his wife Pauline, were to tell police later. "We were both shaking with absolute terror. There was no way we could have imagined it."

The Coombs were certain no one would believe their story, but they were wrong. On that spring night in 1977 dozens of people would confirm their claims that remote villages of west Wales were bombarded with things which could only have come from outer space.

It was said that a total of 30 mysterious objects, ranging from spacemen and their spaceships to flashing lights and an object which looked like an enormous gold pencil, were reported to the authorities.

And floods of reports of alleged sightings prompted an RAF spokesman in the area to say: "None of our radar units in the area can explain these sightings."

"The people who report these incidents are not nutcases. They are sincere people who are genuinely concerned. All we can say is that the reported sightings do not, in time or place fit in with our operations."

None of which did a lot to reassure 32-year-old Pauline Coombs, who for days after seeing the "thing at the window" was in a state of nervous shock.

Later she recalled: "When my husband saw it he shouted: 'My God, what the hell is that?' We rushed upstairs to fetch the children from their beds."

Billy Coombs' employer, Richard Hewison, called by telephone, drove quickly to the remote cottage. He remembered: "They were genuinely terrified when I arrived. They were frightened out of their wits."



● The strange figure just stood, looking in ...

Next morning, Hewison's wife, Josephine, looked out of her bedroom window and "saw this thing parked alongside the greenhouse. I wasn't frightened, I just couldn't believe my eyes."

"It was a silver colour, about 50ft across the base and shaped like a jelly mould. It was as high as a double-deck bus. There was no movement."

"It had no visible windows or openings. I waited for something to emerge, but it didn't. After a few minutes it just silently lifted into the sky and disappeared. It left no mark, not even a broken twig. I am not a fanciful person and I always tell the truth. I would swear on the Bible that I saw this thing in the garden."

That night, restaurant-owner Louise Bassett was driving home after closing her restaurant at 1am when her car radio began behaving strangely.

"I saw flashing lights in the sky and I was certain they weren't from a plane or a helicopter." She later found that numerous TV sets and radios had been

affected at exactly the same time and colour TV transmissions could not be received in some areas.

Shortly afterwards artist John Petts, working late in his studio, glanced out of his window at the distant hills to see what he described as "a shaft of brilliant light."

He was to say later: "Above it was a brightly-lit cigar-shaped object. I just goggled and then told myself 'For heaven's sake be objective and have a careful look at this thing...' He watched it for about half a minute before it disappeared."

A similar sighting was reported by a local government solicitor, David Smith, who claimed: "I saw and clearly identified a phenomenon in the sky. It was a golden pencil-shaped object accompanied by a pulsating yellow light."

He added: "Something like this just can't be a figment of the imagination. It should be thoroughly investigated."

Mrs Margaret Lowndes, who also saw lights in the sky, thought so too. "I am not the sort of person who would believe in UFOs. My inclination is to say 'rubbish!' But this I really did see ..."

All the sightings occurred in an area of intense defence activity. There were missile ranges, an ocean research station an RAF base and supersonic low-flying air corridors. But the authorities were adamant that "none of the phenomena were in any way connected to military activities."

All the RAF could suggest was that some of the targets towed by aircraft during radar-plotting practice had been mistaken for flying saucers.

But few people in West Wales accepted that explanation — and certainly not 14 children from a local primary school who claimed to have seen a round glittering object in a field near where they were playing. As they watched, it apparently rose into the air and "floated quietly away into the sky."

School headmaster Ralph Llewellyn later persuaded the children to draw what they had seen, keeping all the youngsters separate and comparing the finished results. They had all drawn the same object.

Said Mr Llewellyn: "I really think they saw what they say they saw — whatever it might be."

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Mysterious ring in field gets plenty of attention

Tom McCoag
AMSTERDAM BUREAU

FORT LAWRENCE

A mysterious ring in Reg Painter's field has been attracting a lot of attention since its discovery late last week.

In an interview Saturday, Mr. Painter said large numbers of people have come to view the ring, which is more than 30 feet in diameter, but none has been able to explain its existence.

Most visitors come just to look, but one man arrived with a compass and another with a dowsing rod, Mr. Painter said. The compass needle spun in circles on the outside of the ring but functioned properly inside, while the dowsing rod did not react until it was in the middle of the circle.

"It then opened up. The man tried it and I tried it and it opened up on both occasions. That must mean there is a presence of some kind within the circle," Mr. Painter said.

"I don't know what (the ring) is. It wasn't here before the snow fell," he said while looking at the ring, which made its appearance around Easter.

A native of England who retired to Fort Lawrence three years ago, Mr. Painter said he has seen the mysterious circles that have appeared in fields in that country and which have also been reported on the Prairies. "They're nothing like this. They're not as big for one thing," he said.

Mr. Painter said he does not believe in UFOs, thought by some to be the cause of the circles elsewhere. "I'm a proper doubting Thomas, but seeing this makes me wonder."

"One person who came said it looked like we trained a horse here, but there are no marks from a horse," he said, adding he had no knowledge of anyone training a horse in his field.

It has been suggested the ring, the only one found in the area, was caused by improper use of a pesticide or a herbicide, but Mr. Painter discounts that idea, too. "Nothing has been put on these fields for at least three years."

Another man, after taking a close look at the circle, said it had to be "someone's practical joke." But the observer, who did not want to be identified, could not explain how such a joke could be achieved.

Others have suggested the ring might have been caused by a fungus, but Mr. Painter discounts that idea as well, because a fungus would spread from a central point to make a patch, not form a 12-inch-wide circular path.

Mr. Painter said he will probably never find out how the ring came into being. But he admits: "I'd like to know what caused it."

CR: G. Conway

WAS IT A BIRD - A PLANE - OR WAS IT A UFO?

IT MUST have seemed like a dream come true.

Kenny Higgins, the British UFO Society's Scottish expert, was staring out of a plane window when he and several other passengers spotted something strange.

"We were going in to land at Turnhouse when I saw this diamond-shaped formation of lights in the sky, heading towards West Lothian," recalled the East Calder man.

"The lights immediately went out and then reappeared in a Delta shape. We thought they were craft of some kind but nobody could explain what we were seeing."

SIGHTINGS

However, like so many of the UFO sightings Kenny has probed, there was a perfectly sensible explanation.

"The Ministry of Defence have told me that it was a fly-past by nine Phantoms from RAF Leuchars. The lights we saw were probably just the sun glinting off their wings."

Nonetheless, that encounter — which took place early last month — gives an insight into the weird and wonderful world

By Dave Cowan

occupied by Kenny and his fellow UFO enthusiasts.

Last week the British UFO Society invited Kenny to be their Scottish co-ordinator — the man in charge of their sky-watching and investigating operations north of the border.

Like thousands of other people, the 35-year-old sales manager is fascinated by those who claim to have had a close encounter of the third kind.

But while most restrict their interest to trips to the cinema, Kenny took everything a step further. His East Calder home now acts as a base for the group he formed, Scottish Research Into UFOs.

HOVERING

"I suppose what really made me interested in UFOs was something that happened to me when I was a teenager," said Kenny.

"I spotted this light hovering in the sky. It shot upwards and then reappeared in a different place. I was totally baffled."

Kenny followed up his sighting, but phone calls to



● GAZING skyward, wondering what's beyond there is Kenny Higgins of the British UFO Society.

Turnhouse and the Blackford Hill Observatory revealed nothing. From then on, he was hooked.

"Some people chase a ball around a golf course or play rugby. I've tried both and this is what I do now."

Exactly what Kenny and his fellow enthusiasts do is investigate and gather information on UFO sightings.

"Explanations can be found for about 95 per cent of them," he said. "People see helicopters, satellites, planets or, as I did on that flight into Turnhouse, planes and they jump to the wrong

conclusions.

"But there's that five per cent which just can't be explained."

HOAXERS

Occasionally, the people who claim to have spotted visitors from outer space are simply seeking attention. "They might just want to see their names in the papers but we can detect hoaxers pretty quickly."

One such man who was not deemed to be letting his imagination run rampant was Livingston forestry worker Bob Taylor, who claimed to have encountered a UFO on

Dechmont Law ten years ago.

But, as Kenny revealed, it seems that UFOs have not left Bob alone.

The former LDC worker now lives in the Perthshire town of Blairgowrie, where a spate of crop circles have recently appeared.

"One of the circles was about 200 yards from Bob's house," said Kenny. "Considering that a lot of people believe crop circles and UFOs are linked, what's happened to Bob is quite amazing."

"So much so, that we should look out for a circle appearing on Dechmont Law!"



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INK



By DAVE JEWETT
The Columbian

NOW BIGFOOT has a toll-free number.

Tim Olson, a Minnesota native who now lives in California, called to tell us the news about the toll-free number for people to dial to report sightings of the legendary timberland creature known as Bigfoot.

The number has been operating for about three months, during which time it has logged 100 calls from 20 states and two Canadian provinces, he said.

The number is sponsored by California Bigfoot Organization (CBO) and operated 24 hours a day taking recorded messages from anyone claiming to have seen Bigfoot. The toll-free number is 1-800-300-1950. (Yes, there are two 800s in there.)

When you call, it also advertises a 900 number at \$2 per minute for updates on Bigfoot sightings and other Bigfoot news.

Olson said Bigfoot sightings seem to have dwindled in recent years, and he isn't sure why. He thinks maybe people are embarrassed to report sightings, which is why they've started the number.

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At Utah State

Conference to focus on the supernatural

by John S. Flannery
Contributing Writer

LOGAN — Stop your car and put it in neutral at the base of Spook Hill in Lake Wales, Florida, and it will roll 200 feet uphill, according to reports drawn from the Wall Street Journal.

UFO's have been observed over the suburbs of New York City, near Edwards Air Force Base in California, over Gulf Breeze, Florida, over central Russia and chased in Belgium by F-16s, whose radar showed one second acceleration from 175 miles per hour to 1,100 miles per hour and descent 3,000 feet in that sixtieth of a minute. And, there have been many reported close encounters with extra-terrestrial beings from a variety of quarters.

Every month new stories emerge, paralleling those told to us by parents, relatives and friends, of appearances by those who have just died or who have been long dead, often bringing some sort of message or guidance.

Elizabeth Taylor senses danger boarding a plane with Michael Wilding, insists they leave it. Next day they read it has crashed. Later she has sense of imminent death, getting into a helicopter. She convinces everyone to abandon it. The chopper crashes shortly after with another crew, according to Elizabeth.

The 1991 Utah State University Five Conference will focus on supernatural phenomena and the way in which folk traditions express or account for these.

Topics will include many aspects of religious folklore, near-death experiences, spiritual visitations, unidentified flying objects or UFO encounters, Navajo witchcraft stories and Halloween customs.

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Search of space marked by ironies

By JIM NESBITT
Newhouse News Service

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Kent Cullers has never seen the stars that fill the night sky, never glimpsed the vast sweep of an endless universe.

But he feels the tug of one of man's oldest fantasies, the thought that somebody might be out there, waiting for us among those points of light that he can't see.

Cullers is a blind physicist who believes he has an edge on other scientists in the quest for alien life. A key member of NASA's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project, he believes blindness is freedom.

Unfettered by conventional images of little green men, his imagination is bounded only by the rules of modern mathematics and the speed of ultra-custom computers.

"There are worlds out there that I might discover and be able to see better than somebody else," said Cullers, 41.

"There are worlds so far beyond any normal senses that I have as good a chance of understanding it as anyone else."

The small band of SETI scientists believes our first contact with an alien world will be with the ear and not the eye — a radio beam broadcast across the cosmos instead of a space ship landing in New Jersey.

Blind since birth, Cullers is charged with figuring how to pluck a weak, wayward radio signal from an alien world out of all the white noise of the universe.

Such are the ironies marking one of NASA's most controversial projects, a program that hopes to have a network of radio telescopes and scanners searching the stars by Columbus Day 1992, the 500th anniversary of the Italian explorer's landing in America.

The project seeks a scientific answer to one of man's oldest questions — are we alone, or is somebody else out there?

"It's a fun project because it's got E.T. in it," said Jill Tarter, 46, the project's lead scientist.

But that gnarled Hollywood space character is also the bane of this serious search for an answer. Some don't see this as real science; others recognize it as being run by people with impeccable scientific credentials who will push the boundaries of radio astronomy farther than they have ever been pushed before.

Far too many folks tend to toss the project into the same loony bin as those who say they hear voices from Mars on special inner-brain frequencies and see a conspiracy theory behind every unexplained sighting of a UFO.

"When I tell people what I'm working on, they say, 'Oh, how California. What do you expect?'" said Cullers, who has worked on SETI since he got his doctorate in physics from the nearby University of California at Berkeley in 1980. "Over and over, people told me I was throwing my career away."

Such skepticism is the primary



Kent Cullers, an astrophysicist, is the signal-detection specialist for the NASA team.

reason the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence has languished as a lightly regarded government project for the past 20 years. It was an easy target for former Sen. William Proxmire's legendary "Golden Fleece" awards and fresher attacks by politicians such as the late Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., who took to the House floor last summer to attack SETI funding while waving tabloid headlines about UFO sightings and tales of close encounters with spacelings.

"We've got enough space aliens here in Washington, some on the floor of the House," said Conte. "We have existed throughout history just fine without looking for life in space, and we can do just fine without looking for any E.T.'s out there."

Faced with a war, a yawning federal deficit and a deepening recession, Conte thought America needed to spend its money on earth-bound necessities. But enough lawmakers disagreed to win the project \$12 million this year, its first sizable appropriation.

This is enough money to build and start testing prototypes of the complex, computerized signal-detection devices that can rifle through the radio frequencies of the universe faster than any previous scanners, searching 10 million channels each second for the technological telltales of life in space.

Project scientists grit their teeth at the jokes and jibes aimed their way by skeptics such as Conte.

"Yeah, I wouldn't mind finding little green women. So what?" said Tarter. "People are interested. Perhaps more people than Congress thought are able to differentiate between this and pseudo-science. This isn't a search for UFOs. This isn't looking for the bodies of space aliens in some hangar."

Tarter's glancing reference to one of the hallmark UFO events — the 1947 crash of an unidentified craft near Roswell, N.M., and the persistent story that the government hid the bodies of aliens in a hangar — sums up the project's main public relations problem.

Project members desire to put as much distance between themselves and UFOs as possible. They express skepticism about UFOs and the idea of intergalactic travel itself.

One of the project leaders, Barney Oliver, the man who developed an advanced hand-held calculator while working for Hewlett Packard, has worked up figures that show intergalactic travel is highly unlikely given current rocket technology. To get a rocket to the nearest star, Proxima Centauri, about 4 light years away, would eat up the equivalent of 500 years worth of America's energy output.

They have no doubts about the presence of another civilization somewhere in space — the odds are too long that the same circumstances that nurtured life on this planet didn't also occur among the billions of stars in the universe. But they hedge on the ability of the first SETI sweeps to find evidence of such life.

"It's a long shot," said John Billingham, acting director of the project. "We don't delude ourselves into thinking we're going to get a signal right away. We may, but it may take much longer and much more effort."

SETI assumes that a radio signal will be man's first contact with another form of intelligent life. There are two parts to the search for such a signal — a targeted survey of 1,000 stars that scientists think could be surrounded by planets like ours, and a generalized sweep of all space.

The targeted search will be run out of NASA's Ames Research Center, located in Mountain View, Calif. The general sweep of the universe, dubbed the Sky Search, will be run for NASA by scientists at the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory near Pasadena.

Both searches are based on a theory developed in 1959 by Phillip Morrison, now professor emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Out of all the frequencies in the static-filled universe, Morrison thought the most likely

candidate for intergalactic broadcasts would be the frequency at which energy is emitted by hydrogen.

The hydrogen frequency is located in a relatively quiet sector of the electromagnetic spectrum, the microwave range, far from the cacophony of cosmic static caused by star noise, dust-cloud emissions and background radiation that scientists say is left over from the Big Bang. Just a little farther along this quiet zone is the emission frequency for the hydroxyl radical — the combination of hydrogen and oxygen.

In an unexpected bit of poetic flair, project scientists have described these two frequencies as a pair of signposts that "beckon all water-based life to search for its kind at the age-old meeting place of all species — the water hole."

So goes the theory. And the poetry. Both outline an awful big "if," one that seems almost chauvinistically centered on the assumption that another intelligent life form will roughly parallel man because our bodies are composed of elements common throughout the stars.

The search project is plagued by a pile of other "ifs." What if the theory is wrong? What if there are other life forms in the universe, but they aren't based on carbon and water? What if they're broadcasting at another range of the electromagnetic spectrum? Or what if they're out there and not interested in touching base with us at all?

But there is one "if" that keeps people like Cullers clinging to this game of long-odds science despite the controversy and the cash-flow problems — what if somebody is indeed out there?

"Basically, I'm an adventurer," said Cullers, whose blindness doesn't prevent him from skiing, climbing mountains and flying airplanes. "One more boring paper in the annals of irrelevant science is not what I want to do with my life. I want to use my solid science on something that may profoundly change the world."

The annual conference is open to the public and registration information may be obtained by contacting Conference and Institutes Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84322 or by telephoning Thomas Borg, 750-1764.

Three speakers, whose fields are cultural anthropology and parapsychology, will join a stable of local folklorists who have participated in previous Five Conferences.

David Hufford, director of the Center for Humanistic Medicine, College of Medicine at the Milton S. Eisenhower Medical Center in Pennsylvania; Sylvia Grider, associate professor of folklore at Texas A&M, whose dissertation was on supernatural narratives of children, and James McClenon, assistant professor of sociology, Elizabeth City State University, N.C., who works in parapsychology and supernatural narratives, are scheduled to participate in the conference June 10-14 on the Logan campus.

Utah folklorists Jan H. Brunvand, William A. Wilson and Barre Toelken will help explore the traditions and phenomenology of the "not-everyday dimension," according to Toelken, who heads the USU Folklore program.

Death of Heifer Ruled Due to Disease, Not Satanists

But UFO Investigators Sense Alien Involvement

By SHARON GRINDSTAFF
CCN Staff Writer

While James Thorne of Green Forest is upset over the loss of another of his heifers, a variety of opinions about just how the animal died and was mutilated are surfacing.

In November, when another heifer was discovered on Thorne's Berryville property, investigators at the sheriff's department noticed the mutilation (one eye and ear missing as well as the reproductive organs, anus, tongue and blood) matched incidents in other states - approximately 700,000 in the past 20 years or so. In those cases, satanists were thought to be responsible, using the animal parts and blood in satanic rituals.

Thorne began losing heifers mysteriously in 1978 - about one every four years. Each died within about 100 yards of the previous one and each had been mutilated with almost surgical precision.

Carroll County Sheriff Lonnie Nichols said that the incident this month, however, is entirely from natural causes and indicates that he suspects the other case was, too.

Dr. Alan Hunnicutt of the Berryville Veterinary Clinic was called by Nichols and went to Thorne's to look and take samples.

"It was a yearling calf - not a grown animal - and it died of black leg...the damage done to the cow was from buzzards, I guarantee."

Dr. Alan Hunnicutt, DVM

He told CCN, "It was a yearling calf - not a grown animal - and it died of Black Leg, a bacterial disease. That's very common. The damage done to the cow was from buzzards, I guarantee ... In fact, when I pulled up there, there was a buzzard sitting on it, eating."

Hunnicutt said that cattle die all the time and if an animal's laying out in the open buzzards will come in. "I've seen them eat on cows like that even before they're dead. Dogs will do some thing."

The veterinarian also said that no blood was missing from Thorne's cow. "If an animal dies and its heart quits, the blood clots in the veins and arteries. When I went up and cut the calf open, there was very little blood. It had clotted." Hunnicutt said that there's only a lot of blood if an animal's cut before the heart stops beating or immediately thereafter, before there's been time for it to clot.

Sheriff Nichols said, "I've seen hundreds myself in my career." He said that the Washington County Sheriff's Department had so many of these sort of occurrences in 1982 and 1983 that officials there decided to try an experiment.

They put one carcass out in the open and another in the woods. Then they set up cameras and filmed for 72 hours, using time-lapse photography.

"The animals looked the same (after the experiment) as this one," Nichols said, "like the organs had been surgically removed. But they could see exactly what took place. It was vultures and crows."

The final verdict was "parasites and birds of prey."

Nichols said that the reason only one eye was missing is because it's the eye that was exposed. (The other was against the ground.) And he said that there was no evidence that blood was missing.

"Black Leg causes a perfectly healthy animal to just drop dead," the sheriff said. "There's no trauma. Look, when it's satanist that have done it, very often they leave evidence - like rocks stacked in pentagrams. This appears just like the ones in the Washington County Experiment."

"Black leg causes a perfectly healthy animal to just drop dead. There's no trauma."

Sheriff Lonnie Nichols

Others agree that satanists are not to blame for Thorne's dead animal, but they don't believe it died of Black Leg or natural causes, either.

"That's just not true," said Vince Serencko of Forsythe, MO. He and his co-investigator - Jeanne Robinson - went out to Thorne's Thursday morning to have a look at the dead animal and take samples for themselves.

Serencko's business card identifies him as "Co-State Sec. Dir. - Mo Field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc." out of Seguin, TX. The investigators are affiliated with Linda Moulton Howe Productions - Research Branch - of Littleton, Colorado.

The pair took samples and forwarded them to Mutual's lab for analysis.

"I wish people would call us before they call the sheriffs or vets," Serencko said. "We'd like to be able to have more left to test."

Even so, he feels he was able to get enough samples for testing.

While the two are positive satanists were not involved, they don't believe the heifer died of natural causes, either.

"There's a pattern (in how the missing organs are removed) ... and it seems to point to people who are professionally-trained, surgically-trained."

Serencko says that because of the almost surgical precision of the cuts, it could not have been vultures or other animals feeding.

In fact, he's reasonably sure laser equipment must have been used. In current technology, however, the laser in question would have to be about the size of a large office desk and would probably cost about a quarter of a million dollars. In addition, there'd have to be generators and additional equipment - and perhaps silent helicopters (because there was no sign of struggle.)

The equipment needed to silently come in, kill an animal and remove the parts would be extremely expensive and cumbersome.

Because there have been about 700,000 similar cases during the past 20 years or so, the Missouri couple makes a point.

"This has been happening since 1967 - and this equipment - lasers - didn't come into use before 1979, medically and professionally." They indicated that earlier mutilations were also laser-cut, however.

Serencko and Robinson became interested in the Carroll County incident because of the unusual as-



CONVINCED THE DEATH OF A CARROLL COUNTY COW was not from natural causes, Vince Serencko and Jeanne Robinson of Forsythe, Missouri visited the farm of James Thorne Thursday. Field investigators for Mutual UFO Network, Inc. of Seguin, Texas, the pair tracks down UFO sightings and related phenomena. (Staff Photo - Sharon Grindstaff)

pects of it. No apparent thrashing around as the animal died, no evidence that any person had set foot on the ground nearby and the missing parts seemed to be removed surgically.

Robinson says, "We have analyzed tissue from others. The cuts are so precise that sometimes, the cut is between layers of cells - without disturbing the cell walls."

Serencko adds, "When there is blood left, there are no white cells in it."

"This is scientific stuff. I don't care what they say."

*Vince Serencko
UFO Network*

He continues, "The data seems to lead away from satanist aspects. Even though the blood was drained, it was not a ritual killing because that's usually bloody and there are a lot of candles and an altar."

In spite of the veterinarian's and sheriff's reports, Serencko insists, "This is scientific stuff. I don't care what they say."

But that scientific "stuff" is not something humans can be performing, the pair seems to feel. "Often, people see lights overhead before an animal's mutilated," Serencko points out.

Robinson adds, "With all the UFO cases and sightings of aliens, it just seems to point in one direction." She explained that although she has one witness who did see aliens working on a cow, it was only one person's testimony and couldn't be proved.

"We do not want to scare the people. We only want to get the facts."

The couple said that the different cases are being documented in Colorado. Films are made (such as the production company's "Earth Mysteries-Alien Life Forms" which recently aired on the Fox network in

Atlanta) and testing results will be published.

They come to each mysterious incident with open minds and try not to draw any conclusions while investigating.

But Serencko will state his personal conclusions.

"We think it has to do with genetic engineering and genetic research." Cattle have similar DNA makeup to humans. Other groups of animals had been taken in the past but now cattle alone are used, he says.

"They're not an emotional issue. We eat cattle. If they're smart enough to get here, they're smart enough to know what bugs us."

Coming in UFOs and mutilating family pets would definitely bug people, but the occasional cow is usually dismissed as natural causes.

"This has happened hundreds of times. We've no idea what they do with those 700,000 cattle, at about 10 pounds each. That's seven million pounds of flesh!"

He continued, "We think that research is leading to the conclusion that proves it isn't satanists. Whether it's ETs (extra terrestrial) or our government, we don't know. It (mutilation) is done by trained vet surgeons with extensive education."

"They (ETs) have to fly in - I don't know of any satanists that can afford silent helicopters, generators ..." Besides, human equipment would be too bulky.

Aliens have probably reduced the desk-sized laser equipment down to something the size of a pocket radio, the couple explains.

They are sure what happened to Thorne's cow was done by a laser-trained surgeon. In addition to the precision cuts, there is radiation.

"The eye on the opposite side of the cow's head was blue. That only comes from heat or radiation."

Serencko disagrees with Dr. Hunnicutt. "He's wrong. It wasn't natural causes."

Lab makes own 'ball lightning'

Japanese say they've synthesized much-debated phenomenon

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE
New York Times

For centuries scientists have debated the existence of "ball lightning," a phenomenon thousands of witnesses claim to have seen but that has usually defied scientific investigation.

Two Japanese physicists have reported, however, that they have created glowing discharges suggestive of natural lightning balls and that these balls can now be studied in the laboratory.

The two, Yoshi-hiko Ohtsuki of Waseda University and H. Ofuruton of Tokyo Metropolitan College of Aeronautical Engineering, said they had built a microwave device that creates glowing, lightning-like globes that float in air and exhibit many of the properties attributed to ball lightning.

In some of the experiments they described, the fireballs persisted for a second or two, floating in air, after the power that created them

was switched off. These artificial lightning balls also proved capable of passing through sheets of ceramic material.

Some balls could also move forward even against jets of forced air. All these bizarre behaviors had been described by many witnesses of natural ball lightning.

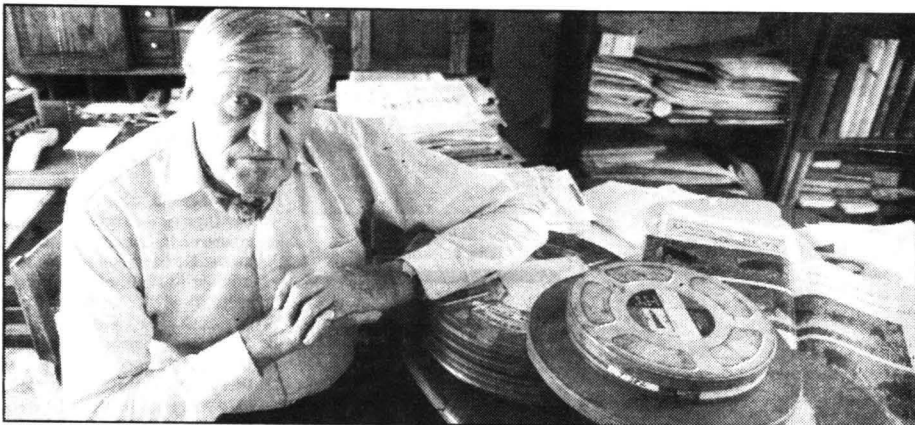
In the United States and Europe, it has generally been reported during or after thunderstorms.

The luminous balls may be red, orange, blue or white, and are said

to vary from the size of grapes to basketballs. By some accounts, contact with them is lethal, while others say they are harmless.

Normal lightning is an instantaneous electrical discharge between oppositely charged particles of matter, and is easily understood in terms of ordinary physical principles. But lightning balls that persist for several seconds without any apparent means of "striking" between oppositely charged poles are much more difficult to explain.

Cryptozoologists Stalk Elusive Beasts



Steve Miller for The New York Times

Quentin Keynes, a member of the International Society of Cryptozoology and a professional explorer, makes documentary films about his travels.

By CAROLYN BATTISTA

DID a sea serpent visit New Haven harbor in 1896? Do strange big cats roam Connecticut today? Where on Lake Champlain might the legendary monster Champ raise its head? And what's new with Sasquatch, the creature said to leave huge footprints across the Pacific Northwest?

Several Connecticut residents say they love trying to answer those questions. They are members of the International Society of Cryptozoology, an organization devoted to investigating what it calls "all matters related to animals of unexpected form or size or

unexpected occurrence in time or space." Cryptozoology means the study of hidden animals, and the professional and amateur scientists who belong to the society study any clues they can find of Champ, Sasquatch and other notable mysteries.

J. Richard Greenwell, secretary of the International Society of Cryptozoology at its headquarters in Tucson, Ariz., said he has searched in African swamps for a dinosaurlike creature and in China for a wild man. Other society members, like Gary Mangiacopra of Milford, scour library stacks for accounts of unexpected animals.

Cryptozoologists note that several recognized animals once caught scientists by surprise. In 1938, for in-

stance, Comoro Island fishermen found in their nets a strange, hideous fish that turned out to be a coelacanth, which was presumed to have been extinct for 60 million years. The megamouth shark, a new species, was discovered in 1976.

Such findings should encourage people to view cryptozoology with some seriousness, society members said. But they are used to, and generally undaunted by, other responses.

Cryptozoologists "get a lot of laughs, but they just point out that they're doing it scientifically," said Quentin Keynes, a society member from England who lives part of the year in Riverton. Mr. Keynes, a

great-grandson of Charles Darwin and a nephew of the economist John Maynard Keynes, called himself a professional explorer and said he is driven by "intellectual curiosity."

Mr. Keynes makes documentary films about his travels, including one about the Comoro Islands. "I got involved in the coelacanth fish business," he said. "It's my kind of thing."

Russ Kinne, a photographer and writer in New Canaan who has made several trips to the Pacific Northwest to seek Sasquatch, joined the society when it was founded in 1982. "Science, with a capital S," may not recognize the huge creatures reported, but never found, over centuries, he said. But scientists should not have the attitude that "we don't find them, so they don't exist," he said. "My bottom line is, it's worth investigating."

Jameson Deveroux of Hamden is another society member and fan of the elusive giant of the Northwest, also known as Big Foot.

"As young teens," in Oregon, "my friend and I were going to be the ones who found Big Foot," Mr. Deveroux recalled. Still fascinated by the subject, he said, he is dismayed by supermarket newspaper headlines like "Sasquatch Jumped Into a U.F.O. and Took Off With Me."

'Seen by 200 People'

Mr. Mangiacopra, a graduate student in biology at Southern Connecticut State University, has spent years researching sightings of unusual water-dwelling creatures. He has unearthed old newspaper stories like that of a sea serpent reported off Lighthouse Point in New Haven on the sunny afternoon of July 19, 1896. "It was seen by 200 people, for half an hour," he said.

He said he has also corresponded with viewers of odd beasts at sea, like the captain of a fishing vessel who sent him a sketch of a 40-foot crea-

ture with a mane and bulging eyes that he said he observed in 1957 off the Grand Banks near Newfoundland. Mr. Mangiacopra has written magazine articles on such sightings and is working on a book about them.

In the late 1980's, he also traveled to Lake Champlain to join a team using sonar to determine the water's depth at places where appearances of Champ had been reported.

"Those appearances occurred where the lake was shallow," said Mr. Mangiacopra, adding that such information bolstered the reports' validity.

William Konrad, a retired electronics engineer who lives in Niantic, brought his own sonar equipment to aid the hunt for Champ. "I was only about one-third thinking that there was such a thing, but it was fun to do," said Mr. Konrad, who, although not a member of the International Society of Cryptozoology, helped write an article on the sonar tracking for the group's journal.

Mr. Mangiacopra also keeps a thick file on sightings of wild, unidentified felines in Connecticut. Those reports also intrigue Mr. Deveroux, he said, adding that as a youth in Florida he dreamed of finding the Skunk Ape that is said to stalk the Everglades. Now, he said, he's ready for the Connecticut catamount.

"If there was a sighting in Connecticut today, I'd be up tomorrow looking for it," said Mr. Deveroux. "There are lots of things that exist that we just do not have evidence on yet."

Mr. Kinne, a nature photographer, said he will return to the Northwest in the spring to search for Sasquatch.

"I've never come out and flatly said, 'I believe these creatures exist,'" said Mr. Kinne. But, he said, "if they do exist, they're of enormous scientific interest."

Both Mr. Kinne and Mr. Keynes have studied a film that has become a sort of cryptozoology classic, shot in the 1960's by a Northwesterner who died a few years ago. It shows Sasquatch — or some hairy, hulking creature. Both men said the film seemed legitimate.

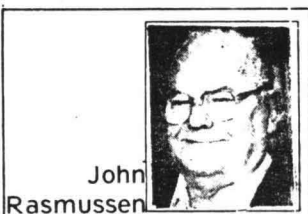
"The film was not monkeyed with," said Mr. Keynes. "But, that's not to say it wasn't a man in a monkey suit." Still, he said, "no one has ever come forward and said, 'If you pay me \$5,000, I'll tell you how I got up in the monkey suit.'"

As in most matters cryptozoological, the definitive answer remains hidden. Most of the society's 900 or so members have jobs and other responsibilities that limit their pursuits of nature's truth. The society "lives on a shoestring," said Mr. Keynes. But he has tried to help. "I've made a lot of people join," he said.

Thunderbird sightings just won't go away

About 20 years ago TnT began writing up eyewitness reports of Thunderbird sightings in and around the Pine Creek and West Branch Valleys and the wilds of the Black Forest region and the surrounding rugged and forbidding terrain.

The Thunderbird is a mythical winged creature believed by American Indians to cause thunder and lightning. There was a military contingent back in World War II days named the Thunderbird Division, out of Oklahoma, we think where Indian tradition is strong. The claims of eyewitnesses to huge birds flying across the skies of Lycoming, Clinton, Potter, Cameron and other counties of north central Pennsylvania were invariably countered by the doubting Thomases, yet after many generations of abiding faith in the reality of the phenomena, stories of thunderbird sightings are still read in newspaper columns and notably in a new book, "Natural Mysteries — Monster Lizards, English Dragons, and Other Puzzling Animals (Second Revised Edition)." It is a fascinating work published by Mark A. Hall Publications, 9215 Nicollet So., Bloomington, Minnesota, 55420. The book on lizards, dragons, thunderbirds and a whole lot more is worth the \$16.95 price tag on a softbound edition. Mr. Hall has taken several steps further than others in his probe of "Natural Mysteries," and the paragraph after paragraph, page following page of documented findings proves the existence of weird life forms in the hinterland of many states, and teratology is by means the study of purely mythical creatures. TnT has talked and corresponded with Mr. Hall on occasion in the past, and remembers the Bloomington researcher in the Jersey Shore area during the period when reports on Thunderbird sightings from people with unquestioned integrity — and eyesight! — were frequent happenings here in this newspaper office.



John D. Rasmussen
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lack of certainty here!) ... Hall adds, "They have been identified by many names, but their image as 'Thunderbirds' among the North American Indians has become the best known" ... Mr. Hall tells of a time in the 19th Century when John James Audubon, naturalist and artist, traveled by coach from Philadelphia to Mauch Chunk, the one-time colorful name for what is now Jim Thorpe, Carbon County, to observe wildlife in a land then known as the Great Pine Swamp of Pennsylvania.

Hall makes it clear that talk of the Thunderbird has been common for more than a century. "So large are these birds that they take deer and, some say, human beings as prey. Estimates give them wingspreads greater than 15 feet. A range of twenty to thirty feet is common."

Lyman, three others

The author states that from the heart of an area roughly described by Cameron, Potter, Clinton, Tioga and adjoining counties "have come most of the detailed accounts of modern Thunderbirds in the state" ... Hall lists four persons (three deceased) "who took an interest in the birds the past few decades" ... One of the four is TnT; two others were tireless workers in the cause, the late Clyde and Anna Mincer, of South Broad Street, Jersey Shore, and the fourth in the quartet, Robert R. Lyman, Sr., an historian and naturalist from Potter County, and author of such books as "Amazing Indeed — Strange Events in the Black Forest," "History of Roulette," "Forbidden Land" published in Coudersport ... He once penned a note to TnT in one of his books, "Never say impossible to John D. Rasmussen. Thank you for your help" ... Hall tells us he was a guest of Robert R. Lyman, Sr., and his wife in 1973 ... Mr. Lyman died in 1974 when Thunderbird sightings hereabouts were at their peak ... Hall names Hiram M. Cranmer as another person with a lot to say about Thunderbirds ... Cranmer was a lifelong resident of the Kettle Creek area ... Among the many other accounts of Thunderbird sightings was that of Joseph and Wanda Kaye, who were driving Route 287, near the Oregon Hill ski area when they saw a fantastically large bird ... The Kayes were en route from Lock Haven to Seneca Falls ... An invaluable and convenient document is the chronological list of Thunderbird appearances in the Black Forest for which dates are known, and they range from 1892 to 1978 ... Truly significant sightings here have included:

Koons, Frederick

In 1968-69 Little Pine Creek, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle, "in each of these years a bird was seen. The second time it landed in the creek. Its wings across the creek appeared to extend for seventy-five feet, or 22.6

meters" ... Clyde and Anna Mincer gave a description to the author Hall, "If I recall correctly, it was the 9th or 10th of November, 1970" ... They have a description in a letter to the researcher: "my wife and I saw the first huge bird which I said had a twenty-two foot (6.6 meters) wingspread, and I have not changed my mind since. My wife called to me as I was painting spouting, and said to me, 'Look at the funny airplane.'" ... August 7, 1971, Clair E. Koons, former president of Jersey Shore Borough Council and Independent Hose Co. fire chief, and Wilson Frederick, also of Jersey Shore then, and son of ex-borough manager John F. Frederick, reported seeing a bird of some 12-15-foot wingspan up along Larrys Creek toward Salladasburg ... When TnT queried Koons, the eyewitness was even more positive about what he and Wilson had seen ... Koons is an experienced and knowledgeable outdoorsman ... Author Hall finds huge bird sightings have taken place in many locales, including Missouri, Illinois, New York State and up in the Abitibi region of Canada's Quebec Province.

Lizards, dragons

Hall's studies in "Natural Mysteries" run to the Great Swamps, including the Great Kankakee Marsh in northwest Indiana and neighboring Illinois ... Another chapter deals with "Monster Lizards" ... Hall published a drawing of a "Canip Lizard" ... The chapter on "English Dragons" tells tales of the part-griffin part-lion combination creature in dragon lore ... A segment, "Big With Eight Legs" is startling ... Mentioned therein is a period in June 1960 in Indiana when people were talking up "the Monster in Dan Craig's Well" ... It seems "this thing in his cistern was an eerie beast with a dome-shaped head, two bulbous eyes, and eight flailing tentacles as long as a man's arm" and Hall wrote of "encephalopods far from any ocean" ... To get the maximum impact from "Natural Mysteries," published by Mark A. Hall, March 1991, at Mark A. Hall Publications, Bloomington, Minnesota, one ought to invest \$16.95 wisely in a copy of the book from 9215 Nicollet So., 104, Bloomington, MN, 55420 ... There is a world more to "wild" life than has been dreamed of by most of us and we will wager here with little prospect of contradiction that readers will find in "Natural Mysteries" revelations they'll read nowhere else.

OBITUARIES

Curtis Fuller, 79, former publisher of UFO-oriented magazine, Fate

By Chuck McWhinnie
Staff Writer

Curtis G. Fuller, 79, the former publisher of Fate magazine, which deals with psychic matters and reports on UFO sightings, died Monday in his Arizona winter home.

Mr. Fuller's magazine has been featuring stories on flying saucers, poltergeist, levitation and ghosts for more than 40 years.

Formerly based in Highland Park, Fate was created by Mr. Fuller in 1948, when unidentified flying objects were sighted over the Cascade Mountains by Kenneth Arnold.

"I was working for Flying Magazine, and I tried to check out Arnold's report," Mr. Fuller recalled during a 1977 interview. "All I got was the runaround. I came to understand that the government was not telling the truth and I became generally skeptical of any so-called official explanation of unconventional events."

The magazine has been criticized by scientists for many of its sensational stories and praised by such people as the late Dr. Allen Hynek, former director of the Center of UFO Studies in Evanston, who called Fate "the preeminent magazine in its field."

"This is no 'nut' book," Hynek once said. "It's for those sincerely interested in occult and psychic matters, in what we call the 'borderline sciences.'"

"We don't say we believe everything we publish," said Mr. Fuller's wife, Mary Margaret, who was Fate's editor, in the 1977 interview. "We throw down the gauntlet to scientists. What about this? How do you explain that?"

In 1965, the Lake Forest resident led a group of readers on a 13-day tour of Europe seeking psychic phenomena.

Mr. Fuller and his wife also ran Venture Bookshop, a mail-order house that sold such items as crystal balls and Ouija boards.

He sold Fate magazine, now published in Minnesota, two years ago and retired.

Mr. Fuller worked as a sports and police reporter for the Rapids Daily Tribune in Wisconsin Rapids. He later worked for the Evanston Daily News-Index, served as information director for the State of Wisconsin, and edited Flying magazine, among other publications.

While at Flying magazine in 1948, Mr. Fuller learned the publisher was planning to relocate to New York. Along with a colleague who headed the company's science fiction magazines, he began the digest-sized Fate while holding down other jobs.

In 1956, he and his wife bought out the partner. Mr. Fuller then left his full-time job with Modern Castings, the journal of the America Foundrymen's Society.

In 1965, he purchased controlling interest in Woodall Publish-

ing, a Bannockburn company that publishes Campground Management as well as national listings of campgrounds and retirement communities. A few years before giving up Fate, he sold Woodall.

Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Michael; a sister, Marion West, and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were pending.



Curtis G. Fuller

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Reader sees errors in big-bang theory Other possibilities cited

A Voices letter from
ORAN M. HEATH
Van Buren

The article "Big-bang theory takes knocks" prompts these observations.

First, the big-bang explosion was a physical impossibility inasmuch as no explosion could possibly propel matter outward as though it were thrown off in an infinitude of spherical layers, each layer moving outward at a different velocity, ranging from a few miles per second to about one-seventh the speed of light.

Second, the presumed finished product of this explosion is an expanding universe in which all known bodies are retreating from other known bodies in such near mathematical precision that we must assume the multiplication table to be nearly 15 billion years old.

The velocity of separation reads like: "At twice the distance, twice the velocity, 10 times the distance, 10 times the velocity, 50 times the distance, fif..."

Third, under such conditions, the explosion could have occurred at any point in the known universe, for there is no point at which the seeming mathematical progression does not apply.

Surely I'm not the first to suggest: The observed doppler shift which gave rise to this theory is the result of a slight change in the frequency of the light waves caused by the increased separation of photons in an expanding wave front of the light moving through space.

Is it weird to conceive that

photons of light might react to other photons? Reflect that with light traveling essentially in a straight line, any two related photons are subject to separation which reads almost precisely like the above. All you need to do is substitute separation (of photons) for velocity (of separation). Thus, "At twice the distance, twice the separation, 10 times the distance, 10 times the separation, 50 times the distance, fif..."

Surely that much will be granted. The fact that the change in frequency is too small to make it subject to experimental proof is irrelevant. Look at that monstrous alternative. Besides, has anyone ever made a serious effort to determine it?

Is it weird to conceive that photons of light might react to other photons?

What it boils down to is this: As a committee of one, I am reporting that it is reasonable to suppose that the universe is not now expanding, nor was it ever expanding, and that the observed doppler shift is a combination of both distance and relative velocity.

I must also regrettably report that most of the scientific community believes that the universe is continuing to expand on a daily basis, firm in their belief that the observed doppler shift must be attributed totally to velocity (which is not subject to corroborative proof of any kind) while attributing absolutely nothing to distance (which is the most obvious thing in the entire cosmos).

Animals appeared and disappeared

One winter morning some years ago, an extra big, stocky bull turned up in our barn lot. Thinking it must belong to a neighbor, we inquired around, but no one had lost a bull.

Then a day or two later, a nice, large steer that we intended to butcher disappeared. It seemed odd the two things happened so close together, as if they might have been connected.

We were puzzled. Had someone exchanged this bull for our steer to butcher? Or had someone stolen the bull and put it in our lot for safe keeping, then took the wrong one when they came back? No evidence was found of any unusual entrance or telltale outgoing tracks. There were no fences down to explain

an escape. How did it happen?

"Maybe by air," my husband said. "A helicopter could have done it."

I couldn't help recalling an account I read a long time ago. A cattleman had stood helplessly watching one of his herd being lifted aboard a UFO.

I smile to myself thinking what a rude awakening the cattle-napper would experience if he expected to multiply his herd with our animal.

The incident is still a mystery to us, but I'm sure someone out there knows exactly what happened and is sitting back laughing. Whether it be an Earthling or Martian may never be

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By DAVE JEWETT
The Columbian

Saving Face on Mars

What seemed initially like an astounding discovery on the surface of Mars — a giant rock image of a face staring up into space — was quickly explained away by NASA as just a "trick of light and shadow."

That was in 1976, after the Viking Mission, taking photos of the Martian surface's Cydonia region, provided a photo of the "Face."

But aerospace consultant and author Richard C. Hoagland, who will speak in Portland Sunday, has never been satisfied with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration explanation.

He has spent the ensuing years investigating Cydonia and its "Face," and believes we may have stumbled across extra-terrestrial artifacts of monumental importance.

In lectures and a new videotape, he says he and others working on the same space puzzle have made some amazing discoveries about the "Face," including what he sees as the careful arrangement of other nearby formations. The entire complex, which some are calling the "Monuments of Mars," provides mathematical clues, Hoagland believes. The clues include key mathematical constants that have been identified between and among the various "monuments," he says. He believes the clues may point toward a previously undiscovered energy-producing process.

This may sound like a pipe dream, but Hoagland is completely serious, and has spent the last ensuing years working out his theories, and seeking to enlist the help of NASA and others in furthering the research. He particularly wants to be sure that NASA will target the same Cydonia surface area of Mars for further photography on the next space mission to Mars.

For a time, NASA seemed intrigued by Hoagland's theories, and even had him speak before hundreds of NASA scientists and engineers at the Goddard Space Flight Center outside Washington, D.C., and later for two lectures at the Lewis Research Center, NASA's primary energy and power research facility in Cleveland.

Hoagland says NASA also interviewed him for a TV documentary that was to be produced for public broadcasting stations, and was to air last January. He says NASA pulled the program at the last moment, without any explanation to this day.

As a result, Hoagland has produced his own videotape, "Hoagland's Mars: The NASA-Cydonia Briefings." It consists of one of his lectures at the Lewis Research Center, and includes computer-enhanced images of the objects in the Cydonia region of Mars, plus a small foldout map.

The video concludes with Hoagland asking viewers to contact their representatives in Congress to demand that Cydonia be rephotographed in the scheduled 1992 Martian Observer Mission, and that the images then be immediately released to the public to confirm or deny his theories.

Hoagland, who comes across on the tape as a careful and serious researcher, has an impressive resume. He has been a science adviser to Walter Cronkite, consultant to CNN, curator of the Museum of Science in Springfield, Mass., and assistant director of the Gengras Science Center and Planetarium in West Hartford, Conn. He also was coordinator of special projects at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City.

He's one of the scheduled guests for the "AM Northwest" show at 9 a.m. Friday on KATU-TV, Channel 2.

Sunday, he gives a public speech before the Portland UFO Group from 2 to 5 p.m. at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham. A Vancouver member of the group, Mike Dobbs, extended the invitation to Hoagland. The group doesn't charge admission, but will be asking for a \$4 donation to help defray expenses.

CR: M. Dobbs

SUN, Vancouver, B.C.,
Canada - April 8, 1991
CR: G. Conway

Icy plane waste smashes roof

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A 1.5-metre chunk of what is believed to be frozen urine from an airplane lavatory crashed through the roof of a city home, police said.

The residents of the apartment were watching television on Saturday night when they heard what sounded like a bomb. Buffalo police said.

"I jumped half way across the floor," said Joanne Cudek, 51, who said the piece of ice hit her house shortly before 10 p.m.

Lieut. Thomas Masterson said investigators think it could have been a 1.2-by-1.5-metre chunk of frozen urine that fell from the waste compartment of an airplane.

The ice left a 30-centimetre hole in the Cudek's roof, but dents extended from the hole for several metres, police said.

CHRONICLE, San Francisco,
CA - Aug. 2, 1990

Yeti Trek



Tass reported that Soviet Yeti enthusiasts left Dushanbe for the Tian Shan mountains, hoping to find traces of the elusive "abominable snowman." Local shepherds and hunters claim that a giant creature more than three metres tall and completely covered with hair lives there. Vasil Koroteyev, leader of the National Cryptozoology Society, based at Moscow's Charles Darwin Museum, has made several trips alone to the region in the past six years. He claims to have once found a footprint 36 cm long on the banks of the Shirkent River in central Asian Tadzhikistan. Koroteyev believes that "we are apparently dealing with a dying branch on the tree of human civilization, although the Yeti's possible extraterrestrial origin cannot be ruled out."